**College Planning Timeline**

Sophomore Year

* Get involved with IMSA activities.
* Find a community service activity that fits you.
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar “Financial Planning for College” (September).
* Join the CAC Facebook Group, IMSA CAC Connect.
* Register to use Naviance and start exploring colleges (December).
* Consider your interests, abilities, and values as you explore your post-secondary educational options.
* Consider your IMSA grades as you explore college admission statistics on Naviance.
* Take PSAT10 (March)
* Find a summer activity to enrich your academic experiences, or get a summer job.
* Start populating your resume on Naviance with activities, awards, etc.
* Consider visiting college campuses in the summer.

Junior Year

* Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test (October).
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar “Standardized Test: Which Ones to Take?” (November).
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar “College Admissions 101” (December).
* Attend College Selection Meeting (December).
* Research colleges on Naviance and start building a list of colleges that match your academic profile and your interests.
* Complete and submit college documents to your CAC (January).
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar “How to Choose a College You Can Afford” (January).
* Meet with your CAC and your parents for the Family College Conference to discuss your college list (February-April).
* Research colleges suggested by your CAC.
* Take SAT or ACT and SAT subject tests (if needed) (second semester).
* Attend IMSA College Day and gather information from college admissions representatives (April).
* Continue to research colleges and finalize your college list (June-August).
* Attend events for prospective students held by individual colleges and universities (June-August).
* Write a draft of the common application essay (June-August).

Senior year

* Meet with your CAC to organize your college list by due dates and priorities (September-October).
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar, “FAFSA completion, line by line” (October).
* Retake SAT/ACT if needed and take the SAT subject tests if needed (first semester).
* Submit transcript requests and teacher recommendations on Naviance.
* Work with your CAC on finalizing your college essays, resume, etc.
* Sign up for college interviews (if applicable).
* Attend college presentations during the IMSA Fall College Visits Program (September – October).
* Submit your college and scholarship applications on time.
* Share with your CAC your college admissions decisions.
* Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar “How to Compare Financial Aid Packages” (April).
* Deposit to one college by May 1.
* Attend National College Declaration Day on May 1.
* Attend IMSA Senior Celebration in the CAC office (May).