

app

components

common app

YOUR PROFILE

- Finish family info over the summer
- Add colleges and look over their requirements
- Input family and class info
- Finalize extracurriculars!

COMMON APP ESSAY

- Brainstorm for the common essay and start writing/editing - do you want to use your AP Lang/English IV one? If so, how can you improve it?
- Create an organizational system for your essays - this is different for everyone
- Brain dump onto a doc/piece of paper before organizing your thoughts
- Ask teachers, family, etc. to revise your essay and rewrite
- Keep going until you are happy with the end result!
- CHECK YOUR GRAMMAR!

time management

SCHEDULE

- May-June
 - Begin thinking about who you want to write your teacher recommendations and reach out to them
 - Create a common app account and fill out the information that is about yourself
 - Brainstorm college essay ideas / writing rough drafts
- June-August
 - Begin looking at what colleges interest you
 - Create a list of your safety's, mid-level, and reaches
 - Set up visits for the colleges that are on your list
 - Find the colleges you plan to apply to on your common app and begin filling out their specific questions
 - START YOUR ESSAY
- August-December
 - Start of senior year!
 - Begin reviewing applications and submitting for early action/early decision
- December-February
 - Begin submitting for regular decision
 - Other colleges should begin to respond at this time
- February-March
 - Solidify your future plan
- March-June
 - Enjoy the rest of senior year!

Special Programs

if you have any specific questions about any of these special programs you can email *sgupta3@students.wcpss.net

- **The BSMD/7-year program** integrates undergraduate education with medical studies, allowing students to earn both a bachelor's and medical degree in seven years, accelerating their path to becoming doctors.
- **4+1 Degrees** refer to academic programs where students complete a bachelor's degree in four years and then pursue an additional year of specialized coursework or a master's degree in a related field, enhancing their qualifications and expertise.
- **Honors College** offers academically rigorous programs within universities, providing enriched curricula, smaller class sizes, and unique opportunities for high-achieving students to delve deeper into their studies and engage in research or community projects.

supplementals

TIPS

- START EARLY
 - Preferably the summer before senior year starts
 - Priority timeline: for the essays you want to write (early actions/decisions/dream schools first)
- WRITING GOOD ONES:
 - Write about the COLLEGE
 - Professors
 - Classes
 - Centers for research
 - Majors and minors
 - extracurriculars
 - Basic vs crazy supplementals
 - UNC
 - UChicago
 - Recycle essays!

Questions?

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Fill out this form!

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Come to the FAQ
session on Friday!



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