



# KENT SCHOOL

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## COLLEGE COUNSELING

### POST-5<sup>th</sup> FORM / SUMMER 2016 CHECKLIST

\_\_\_\_\_ Visit as many colleges on your list as you can—including those in the “likely” and “possible” ranges. Remember how important it is to **Demonstrate Interest!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Take detailed notes on the schools you visit so you will remember your impressions when you are filling out applications in the fall.

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete ALL surveys in Family Connection, especially the **Student Questionnaire!** Check with your parents to make sure they have completed the **Parent Questionnaire** as well.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make a schedule to complete your standardized testing. Decide on registering for the September ACT (off campus) and/or the October SAT or ACT (on campus). **International students should register to take the TOEFL at home over the summer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin the Common Application after August 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). Register by creating an account, and then fill out the required information in each section.

\_\_\_\_\_ Develop rough drafts of your college essay to bring back to school with you in the fall. Essay topics can be found on the Common Application website.

\_\_\_\_\_ Develop rough drafts of the supplemental or member questions for individual colleges when applicable. This information can be found on the Common Application website.

\_\_\_\_\_ Decide which two teachers you will ask for college recommendations in the fall, if you have not done so already. The earlier you ask the better!

\_\_\_\_\_ Update any supplemental materials you will send to colleges with your application—including your resume, art portfolio, musical piece, or athletic highlight film.

\_\_\_\_\_ Prospective college athletes should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Update your “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list in Family Connection.** Make sure to keep this as current as possible throughout the summer months!

\_\_\_\_\_ Review college deadlines in Family Connection and begin to make a plan for your application timeline (i.e., if/where you will apply EA/ED/Rolling/Priority). Some rolling and priority deadlines are early in the fall; be organized and know key dates!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Keep in touch with your counselor!** Let them know which schools you have visited, what changes you would like to make to your list, and if you are planning to apply to any schools with early deadlines.

**Have a Fabulous Summer!**