

COLLEGE APPLICATION and IB DIPLOMA PLANNING CALENDAR FOR THE GWIB CLASS OF 2012

2011/2012

Sept 1 Mandatory senior meeting with Mrs. Geimer and Ms. Lane — 1:15 PM, Community Room

Seniors will turn in a list of 1-7 colleges to which they intend to apply, the names of three teachers who have agreed to write their recommendations, the Secondary School Report Form from the Common Application, a draft of the Common App personal essay, and an updated résumé. They will receive detailed information about deadlines and procedures for requesting documents from the IB office to complete their applications.

College Admission Dates:

Oct 1 CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, required for aid/scholarship consideration at many private schools, becomes available for online filing at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>. Submit at least 2 weeks before the first deadline, as set by your colleges of interest.

Oct 10 Deadline to submit Early (Decision/Action/Notification/Priority) Application details to the IB Office: completed half-sheet, addressed envelope, and postage for each EA/ED/EN school; School Supplement form(s) if required, application fee/waiver (if a college wants it submitted with the school report).

Nov 1 Deadline to submit YOUR portion of ED EA, EN, Scholarship, and Priority applications at many colleges. Check your selected schools' timelines and requirements carefully.

Nov 28 Deadline to submit Regular and Rolling Decision application details to IB Office: completed half sheet, addressed envelope, and postage for each RD school; School Supplement form(s) if required, application fee/waiver (if a college wants it submitted with the school report). Complete your "Colleges to Which I'm Applying" list in Naviance.

Dec 1 Deadline for submitting Early Notification applications to U of Colorado – Boulder, in order to be notified by January 15. All materials, including those sent from GW, must be RECEIVED by CU Admissions by this date to qualify for early notification. CU's Regular Application deadline is January 15, with notification by April 1.

Jan 15 Deadline for submitting your Regular Decision applications to many colleges. Again, check your selected schools' requirements carefully. Some schools have earlier deadlines, particularly if you want to be considered for scholarships.

Also on Jan 1, the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, required for aid/scholarship consideration at most colleges, becomes available online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Plan to have parents' and student's 2009 federal and state tax returns prepared (not necessarily submitted) as early as possible in January, to facilitate this process. Many colleges have a financial aid application deadline of February 1, and the FAFSA is an essential part of the app (as is the CSS at most private colleges).

April 1 Virtually all college decisions are mailed or posted online by this date. Financial aid packages typically arrive simultaneously, or within a week of the acceptance.

May 1 Deadline to respond to colleges that have offered you admission, and to send a confirmation deposit (typically \$200-500) to your chosen school.

George IB EXAM Dates

- Oct 3-7** **REGISTER for IB exams in the IB Office** as directed. This second step is essential! You must go to Mrs. Geimer's office, sit at her computer, and enter your exam registration details. Please note that Mrs. Geimer **12-14** will be **unavailable Oct 8-13**, so you will not be able to register on those dates. **Students who fail to complete all parts of the registration and payment process (including having your check clear) by November 4 will have to pay \$400 in late fees.** This is a new and non-negotiable IBO policy.
- Oct 3** **Deadline to PAY for IB exams.** Make your check payable to GWHS, put "IB exams" in the memo line, and bring or mail it to Mrs. Geimer in the IB Office": \$755 for 6 exams, \$510 for 5 exams, or \$410 for 4 exams, and \$100 for an extra certificate. If mailing, send a self-addressed stamped envelope for your receipt. Students who have submitted the Free and Reduced Lunch form are eligible for assistance with these fees; bring your confirmation letter to the IB Office.
- May 3-24** **IB exam period.** Be sure you know when your course exams are scheduled. There are NO MAKE-UP dates, unless you arrange to test in November or May of next school year.

May 14 **GW graduation**

College Rep Visits and College Fairs

- Oct 10 All Fall** **College representative visits to GW**, with the greatest number occurring during the **week of Oct 10**. Check the college visit schedule on [Naviance](#) frequently for updates. If you complete the "Colleges I'm Thinking About" section under the Colleges tab in your Naviance account, you will receive e-mail notifications of upcoming visits by reps from those colleges. Be judicious about the number of rep sessions you attend, and get permission and a pass from your teachers before missing class!
- Oct 12** **College Readiness Day** Assembly and College Fair for seniors, practice ACT for juniors, Plan test for sophomores Explore test for freshmen.
- Oct 12** **GWHS will host a College Fair for Srs**, 9:00-10:30 AM, run by Colorado Day/Night College Fair Programs. Evening Program: "[College Night for Parents](#)" from 6:00-8:00 PM in the GWHS Auditorium. www.coloradocouncil.org.
- Oct 13** **Out of State College Night, 6:30-8:30 PM, J. F. Kennedy High School**, offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (www.collegefairsdenver.org)
- Oct 15** **Greater Denver College Fair (In- and Out-of-State), 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Douglas County HS**, offered by College Fairs of Greater Denver (www.collegefairsdenver.org). This is the largest of the college fairs, with many schools represented and a wide variety of workshops and information sessions for students and parents.

IB Parents Association Meetings

Sep 13 What is Naviance and Why You Need it for College Applications – GWHS Auditorium

This program is presented by GW's Futures Center Michael Jennings.

Oct 11 "Solutions for Tuition" –with Jay Murray – 7 PM, GWHS Auditorium

<http://www.solutionsfortuition.com/index.htm>

Jan 3 IB Parents/Students Meeting – College Panel – 7pm Community Room

IB alumni come back from across the country to tell us how the IB program influenced their college experience and to share their college life experiences

Feb 7 IB Parents/Students Meeting – "When Good Kids Make Bad Decisions" – 7pm GWHS Auditorium

Dana and Pam Wakefield – Court Appointed Special Advocates

College Scholarships:

- **GWHS Daniels Nomination Scholarship Deadline: Oct 1** Packets available September 1st in the Futures Center. See Michael Jennings. <http://www.danielsfund.org/Scholarships/Index.asp>
- **Boetcher Scholarship** invitations to apply will be distributed by Ms Geimer in September to all students who meet the requirements. <http://www.boetcherfoundation.org/scholarships/index.html>
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Testing Dates

<u>SAT Dates</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Regular Registration</u>	<u>Late Registration (a fee applies)</u>
October 1, 2011	SAT /Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT / Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT /Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT /Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT /Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT / Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

Register at: www.collegeboard.org

ACT Dates

September 10, 2011
October 22, 2011
December 10, 2011
February 11, 2012

Registration

August 12, 2011
September 16, 2011
November 4, 2011
January 13, 2012

April 14, 2012
June 9, 2012

March 9, 2012
May 4, 2012

Register at: www.actstudent.org

College Tele-Seminar Workshops

Tele-Seminar Presentation	Date	Intended Audience
Participation instructions and replay info at http://www.georgeib.com/ib_college_prep.html		
College Admission 202: Self Advocacy and the college admission process.	August 30, 2011 7:00-800 pm	Juniors and Seniors
College Admission 101: The primary components of the selective college admission process.	October 18, 2011 7:00-800 pm	All
Landscape of Financial Aid: Both need-based and merit-based financial assistance. Exploring the college financial aid process, including the PROFILE and the FAFSA.	November 15, 2011 7:00-800 pm	All
Researching Colleges and Developing a List: The college search, an easy way to develop a list of colleges.	December 6, 2011 7:00-800 pm	All
How to Prepare for SATs: Proven test preparation materials and strategies for taking the SAT.	January 17, 2012 7:00-800 pm	Juniors
How to Prepare for ACTs: Proven test preparation materials and strategies for taking the ACT	February 21, 2012 7:00-800 pm	Juniors
How to Write Your College Essay: Developing a powerful college admission essay.	March 20, 2012 7:00-800 pm	Juniors
How to Survive Your First Year of College: Ensuring a great college transition.	April 17, 2012 7:00-800 pm	Seniors