

Hey, Juniors!

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I have just posted this week an updated "College Counselor Corner" on the school's website (www.stmichaelsprep.org). Click on "Students" and you will see pages on standardized testing, college visits, etc. Be sure to share your *College Handbook* with your parents and tell your parents about the school website resources as well. Thanks.

You have two major tasks at this time—

1. You need to have taken the ACT and SAT Reasoning by this June. Note that deadlines for these tests are fast approaching!
April 3 is the registration deadline for the May 6th SAT and April 28 is the deadline for the June 3rd SAT (www.collegeboard.com). **May 5 is the registration deadline for the June 10th ACT** (www.act.org).
2. It is now the time for you to be seriously narrowing down your list of possible colleges. By June, you will need to have the list of 4-6 colleges to which you are definitely going to apply next fall. One can be a "reach" school (some call this a "dream" school).. One (or two) should be "safety" schools (ones you know you will be accepted into as soon as you drop your application in the mail), and three or four "50-50" schools (ones who have a track record of accepting students with your approximate GPA and test scores).

I also strongly urge you to visit some colleges this spring—perhaps over Easter vacation. Of course, you can visit colleges in the summer, but it's simply not the same. Most colleges are still in session while we are on Easter break, so it is a wonderful opportunity to see them "in full operation".

...and keep working on those college application essays!

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