

UNDERCLASSMEN NEWSLETTER

Ridgeland High School

ACT Test

Remaining 2021 Test Dates:

April 17th

June 12th

July 17th

Juniors, each of you took the ACT here at school on February 23rd and should have received your results by now. If not, stop by the counselors office to inquire about your score. Remember to take it again to increase your score, if possible.

AP Testing

May 5th @ 8:00 English Lit

May 11th @ 12:00

Psychology & Latin

May 12th @ 8:00 English

Lang Composition

May 14th @ 8:00 Biology

May 19th @ 11:00 US

History

May 20th @ 11:00

Government

May 21st @ 12:00 French

May 24th @ 8:00 Calculus

May 26th @ 3:00 Computer



Countdown...

Wow! Can you believe that in less than 60 days you will have completed the 2020-2021 school year? And what a year it has been! Have you thought about how you will spend your “free” time this summer? I know many of you will attend various workshops or camps (possibly virtually), and some of you may work during the break. Whatever it is that you choose to do, make sure you enjoy it because before you know it, you will be entering the doors of Ridgeland High School to begin your sophomore, junior or senior year.

Summer 2021 Checklist

Rising Sophomores

- Take some time to reflect on your extracurriculars. Are you enjoying your activities outside of class and do they align with your interests? If not, now’s the time to consider other extracurricular activities you might want to pursue.
- If you enjoy your current extracurriculars, continue involvement with one or two core activities, and consider whether you might be able to take on leadership positions. School may be out, but you can still make plans and come up with project or service ideas for the fall.
- Start putting together—or update—your resume. You’ll want to continue updating this throughout the school year with any new activities, accomplishments, and more.
- Continue building your outside reading list. Read at least one or two books, or other publications, this summer in addition to your

MAAP Testing

April 20 - English II

April 21 - Algebra I

April 22 - Biology

April 23 - US History

Dates of Interest

April 8 - Term 3 Report Cards
(available via Active Parent
and Active Student)

May 25 - Awards Day

required summer reading.

- If you go on vacation, try to visit a college nearby to get a feel for different campus types and locations.

Rising Juniors

- Continue building your outside reading list. Read at least one or two books, or other publications, this summer in addition to your required summer reading.
- Before the school year is out, schedule a meeting with your counselor to go over your test prep and test taking timeline.
- If you haven't already, start preparing for the SAT or ACT. Use your downtime this summer to brush up on skills and concepts that you may struggle with.
- How are you spending your summer? Be sure to participate in activities that align with your interests or deepen your involvement in certain organizations.
- Go on one or two summer campus tours at local colleges. It'll give you a taste for what to expect when visiting colleges in the fall.
- Get organized! Update your resume and start building your balanced college list. Use time this summer to research colleges, learn about different institutions, and determine what qualities of a college are the best fit for your needs and goals.

Rising Seniors

- Make a plan to visit colleges you haven't seen yet during the summer. While summer isn't the best time for a visit since school isn't in session, it's a convenient way to get an informal feel for the campus.
- Begin narrowing down your balanced college list. By now you've gone on some visits and met with your college counselor, so you should have a good idea of the schools that might not be the best fit for you.
- Get started on your college application essays! Brainstorm some essay topics and develop a writing schedule for your essays so that once the school year starts you'll have the bulk of your applications completed.
- Get organized. Make sure your resume and all your other application materials are ready to go.
- Set goals and an application timeline. Chances are you're applying to multiple schools, so set a realistic timeline for getting started early and completing them on time. This is especially important if you plan to apply early to your top-choice college.