

Oak Grove High School 2017-2018 Summer Reading and College Counseling Tasks

INCOMING 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS:

Read two books of your choice over the summer: one fiction and one non-fiction. Choose books that challenge your reading level and broaden your horizons, and be prepared to write on and discuss them when we come together again in the fall.

9th - 11th Grade College Counseling:

Make up credits if you need to at summer school (any grade lower than a C-). Do something productive, constructive, and fabulous with your time – participate in meaningful community service opportunities, develop a talent, explore the world, work at a part-time job. Document your experiences through writing and photos. Get official verification for any summer community service work that you do.

INCOMING 12TH GRADERS:

- Read at least one book of your choice; be prepared to write on and discuss it when school resumes.
- Write good drafts of your Common App and UC college application essays (do at least one round of edits on your rough drafts). These [prompts](#) can be found in the College Counseling Handbook. Communicate with Jennifer about alternate essay plans if you know you are absolutely *not* applying to any UC schools, or absolutely *are* applying to a school with its own essay(s).

Additional 12th Grade College Counseling Summer Tasks:

1. Make up credits if you need to at summer school (any grade lower than a C-).
2. Carefully review the [Oak Grove College Counseling Handbook](#) and [various college resources](#) on Oak Grove's web site.
3. Finalize the list of schools you will be applying to. Be sure your list has a reasonable balance of "safety", "target" and "reach" schools.
4. Complete your "brag sheet" (you started it last January and can find it in your Google Drive).
5. Develop a system of organization to keep track of college deadlines, requirements, etc.
6. Consider visiting colleges on your list (though students won't be there, so you won't get the full "flavor" of the campus).
7. Find out if any of your college/university choices require SAT Subject Tests, and if so, which tests they require or suggest. Prepare for these over the summer.
8. If taking the SAT: [Register](#) by mid-July for the late August test date (that's new this year!) or by early September for the October SAT or Subject Test(s). Plan to do additional SAT prep if you need it.
9. If taking the ACT: [Register](#) by early August for the September test date. Prep independently for the ACT over the summer.
10. Decide if you are applying Early Decision and/or Early Action anywhere.