

MCNEAL SAMS COLLEGE CONSULTING NEWS AND NOTES

SENIOR CHECKLIST

- SCHEDULE:** It is time to schedule a meeting with your college consultant. We want to make sure you are well on your way to finalizing the list of schools to which you will apply AND understand what has to be done by when for each school.
- SCHEDULE:** A meeting with your high school college counselor. There will be important tasks you need to complete in order for your school to support your application process. Make sure you know your school's procedures and follow them.
- REQUEST:** If you have not already requested at least letters of recommendation from at least two teachers, NOW is the time to do so. Just like your deadlines come early so do theirs. Be considerate of your teachers' time. Give them plenty of time to work on your letter.

IT'S HERE... YOU ARE A SENIOR

You've made it! You're seniors - finally!

In terms of your college choice experience, make the MOST of your time.

To keep in mind:

- We'll say it again: *your senior grades matter*, especially if you are trying to improve from last year. And yes - if you are applying for Early Action or Early Decision, your school may even send your first quarter grades.
- Meet with your McNeal Sams consultant and be sure you know your deadlines. Many Early Action/Early Decision deadlines are November 1, but some schools (Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to name a few) require early applications by Oct 15, 2023. And some special scholarship programs are even earlier.
- Common Application supplements are available! Make an appointment with your McNeal Sams consultant to see what is required and make a timeline for completing them.
- Be in touch. We are available by email (firstname@mcnealsams.com) and our office phone # is 314.227.5300. If you don't have our cell #'s yet, we're happy to provide them.
- Start strong, work gradually, and schedule an appointment with your consultant.



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TALK AROUND TOWN

A few recommendations for you:

Blog Post: [Here's Why Your High School Senior is Stressed](#) from Arizona State University

Podcast: [The College Essay Guy Podcast](#) "Practical, up-to-date interviews with experts in college admissions, financial aid, personal statements, test prep and more."

Book: [If I Could Tell You Just One Thing](#), by Richard Reed

ANNOUNCING THE IMAGINE SCHOLARSHIPS SEARCH PORTAL



McNeal Sams is pleased to announce we have engaged with the [Imagine Scholarships](#) scholarships search portal to provide you a searchable, AD-FREE, comprehensive database of independent scholarships.

The Imagine Scholarship database is a member access only tool. As a client of McNeal Sams College Consulting, you are a member. To gain access and create your account, just email either [Barbara Sams](#) OR [Cornelia "Nellie" McNeal](#) to request your Group Code.

Imagine Scholarships updates their scholarship list every 24 hours. In addition, they provide on demand, personalized, video lessons on how to navigate the scholarship application process.

For more information about the program, take a moment and [watch this video](#) from Imagine Scholarships.



KINDNESS CORNER: THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

The senior year can get overwhelming at times. Your coursework is more demanding, you are expected to be a leader in your activities, and your college search journey is in high gear.

Don't let it get the best of you. In the words of Audrey Hepburn, "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says I'm possible."

