**KAMSC Ninth Grade Timeline**

Academic progress is important *every* marking period.

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| **September** | Keep a calendar/planner to keep track of important dates and deadlines  Career interview and research for Mr. Cardwell and Ms. Joyce  Consider joining extracurricular activities |
| **October** | Attend a KAMSC study skills workshop |
| **November** | Have you met your sending school counselor yet? Review your schedule to make sure you will have four years of English, three years of social studies and at least two years of a foreign language |
| **January** | Start looking into summer opportunities such as camps and jobs |
| **May** | Spring check-up for Mr. Cardwell and Ms. Joyce: think about what you have done so far and plan to do over the summer to prepare for college |
| **July/August** | Enjoy summer reading, try new things  Research colleges, talk to people about their experiences, visit a college near you |

**KAMSC Tenth Grade Timeline**

Academic progress is important *every* marking period.

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| **September** | Career interview and research for Mr. Houtrouw and Ms. Joyce |
| **October** | Attend KAMSC College Night  Take the PSAT 10 if offered at your school |
| **January** | Start looking into summer opportunities such as camps and jobs |
| **February** | Sign up for KAMSC eleventh grade classes |
| **May** | Spring check-up for Mr. Houtrouw and Ms. Joyce: think about what you have done so far and plan to do over the summer to prepare for college |
| **June** | Consider taking a SAT Subject Test if necessary (three are required by some selective colleges) math or another subject while it is fresh in your mind |
| **July/August** | Enjoy summer reading, try new things  Research colleges, talk to people about their experiences, visit a college near you.  Talk to your parents about college costs and financing |

**KAMSC Junior Timeline**

Academic progress is important *every* marking period.

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| **September** | Meet with college representatives when they visit KAMSC and your sending school  Consider attending UM Tech Day (usually a Saturday in September) |
| **October** | Take PSAT/ NMSQT  Meet with college representatives when they visit KAMSC and your sending school  Attend KAMSC College Night  Greater Kalamazoo College Night at KVCC in early October  Career interview and paper for Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Joyce |
| **December** | Network with KAMSC alumni at Alumni Day |
| **January** | Start looking into summer opportunities such as camps and jobs  Start a list of colleges you are interested in |
| **April** | Take SAT in school  Spring break college visits  Write to your U.S. senator or representative if you are planning to apply to a U.S. military academy or participate in a ROTC program |
| **May** | Spring check-up for Mr. Sinclair and Ms. Joyce: create resume, log in to senior survey in database, make college list  AP exams  Register for June standardized tests if desired |
| **June** | Re-take SAT or take ACT if desired  Take SAT Subject Tests if recommended or required by the colleges you are applying to  make college visits  ask 1-2 teachers if they will write you recommendations in the fall  enjoy summer and try new things  brainstorm essay ideas or go to ATYP College Admissions Essay Camp |

**KAMSC Senior Timeline**

**Pay attention to deadlines!** Academic progress is important *every* marking period.

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| **July** | Continue to research colleges  Talk to your parents about college costs and financing  Visit colleges  Start college essay drafts |
| **August** | Make your final college list and update on KAMSC Senior Survey  Start online applications  Write college essay drafts |
| **September** | Senior interview with Ms. Joyce (bring resume, essay, and questions)  Request recommendations from your teachers and sending school counselor  Meet with college representatives when they visit KAMSC and your sending school  Greater Kalamazoo College Night at KVCC in early October  Questbridge College Match scholarship application due  Consider attending UM Tech Day (usually a Saturday in September) |
| **October** | Complete in-state college apps by **October 1st** (recommended)  All other colleges should be done by **October 31st**(recommended)  Re-take SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Area tests if desired  Attend KAMSC College Night  Greater Kalamazoo College Night at KVCC in early October  Heyl Scholarship applicants must apply by Kalamazoo College early action deadline  FAFSA available October 1 |
| **November** | Register for the CSS/ Financial Aid PROFILE  Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship applications due  All applications should be done by Thanksgiving and be thankful! |
| **December** | Early acceptance notifications  Update KAMSC Senior Survey  Remynse Scholarship applications due December 1  Heyl Scholarship applications due  Network with KAMSC alumni at Alumni Day |
| **January** | Research scholarships |
| **March** | Most Kalamazoo County scholarships due March 1 (kalfound.org)  Update KAMSC Senior Survey |
| **April** | Colleges send acceptance notifications and financial aid packages  Decision-making time: contact alumni at colleges, visit colleges overnight if possible  Meet with Ms. Joyce, update KAMSC Senior Survey |
| **May** | Decide before the May 1 common reply date, deposit required  AP exams  *Celebrate!* |