



Junior Checklist | 2017-2018

What You Should Be Doing Now

- Work hard in your classes – strength of schedule and grades are the top two factors in college admissions decisions. Many colleges make admission decisions based on grades in your first six semesters and the rigor of senior year.
- Time management is essential for junior year – ask for help if you need it!
- Visit as many college campuses as possible; first-hand experience with colleges will be your biggest help in the college search process.
- College representatives will be visiting SICP daily in the fall from 11:45am-1:00pm typically – All juniors should come down to meet with some of them!
- Attend one of our mandatory College Planning Workshops for Juniors and Parents/Guardians on either **November 7 or November 8 from 7:00-8:30pm**. College Counselor assignments distributed.
- Take time this year for self-reflection (retreats, IVDs, Kairos, journaling etc.) Most college essays ask you to share personal experiences and future goals.
- Look for leadership opportunities as a junior; better to have fewer activities with substantial dedication than many activities with little depth.
- If you are considering college athletics, speak to your current coach and ask their opinion on your abilities and college fit (D-I, D-II, D-III, NAIA).

Timeline for Class of 2018 (Optional events)

- **Tuesday, December 5 & Wednesday, January 17:** “Coffee Talk with College Counseling,” 7:45-9:00 am – our office will be hosting parents/guardians of juniors for questions and conversations about the college process.
- **Wednesday, September 27, 2017:** Financial Aid Night, 7:00-8:30 pm, McLaughlin Theater, open to all students and parents/guardians.
- **January - June:** Individual Meetings with your College Counselor.
- **Wednesday, March 21, 2018:** 27th Annual College Fair, 7:00-8:30 pm, Tully Hall & Gentile Gym.

Standardized Testing *(watch for emails & messages from our office regarding test prep opportunities)*

ACT Dates

10/28/17
 12/9/17
 02/10/18
 04/14/17 (@SICP)
 06/09/18 (@SICP)

Register at www.actstudent.org



SAT & SAT Subject Test Dates

10/07/17
 11/04/17
 12/02/17
 03/10/18 (no Subject Tests)
 05/05/18
 06/02/18 (@SICP)

Register at: www.collegeboard.org



Develop Your College Interest List

- We encourage you to include a range of types: public/private, close/far, etc.
- Talk to family, friends, and teachers about their college experiences.
- Do not rely too heavily on “rankings” – some factors are quite subjective.
- Visit college campuses; check admissions websites or call admissions offices for tour times.
- Research through exploring college websites and guidebooks.
- Each school should be a good fit for you regardless of selectivity!

Family Connection

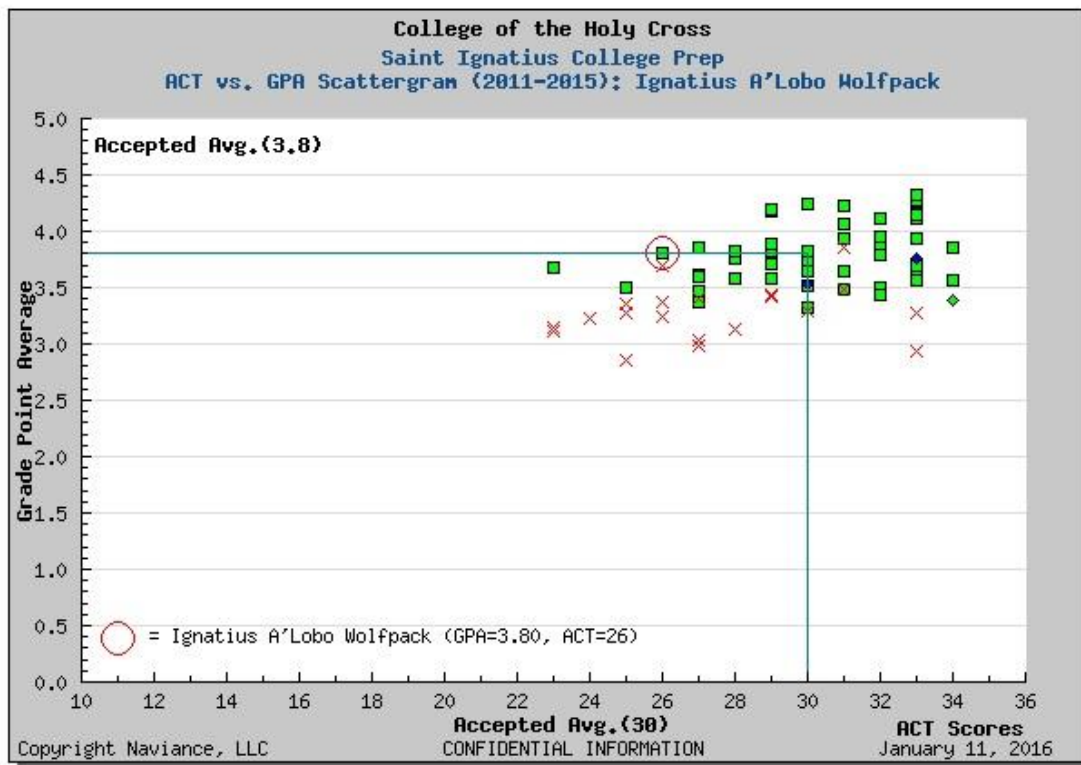
- Family Connection is an online database of college information and admission statistics.
- Users are able to view both national data and Ignatius-specific data on college admissions.
- The link to the site is on the College Counseling page of the Ignatius website
 - Direct URL: <http://connection.naviance.com/ignatius>
 - Click on “I’m a guest.” The guest password is: **wolfpack**
 - Guest users can click on the “Colleges” tab, then search for colleges by name or use the college match tools
 - Once you have opened a school’s profile page, be sure to click on the “Graph” link to find Ignatius-specific statistics on admission

Example Graph from Family Connection:

College of the Holy Cross :: Worcester, MA :: U.S.

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Test type:



Only FINAL DECISIONS are displayed.



Each point on the graph represents a previous Saint Ignatius College Prep senior that applied to College of the Holy Cross (the most recent four years are shown). The *y axis* represents the SICP gpa scale, the *x axis* represents composite test scores. The bold lines represent the admission average for this school. Per the graph legend, past students who were admitted are squares, those denied are x's and those waitlisted are diamonds.