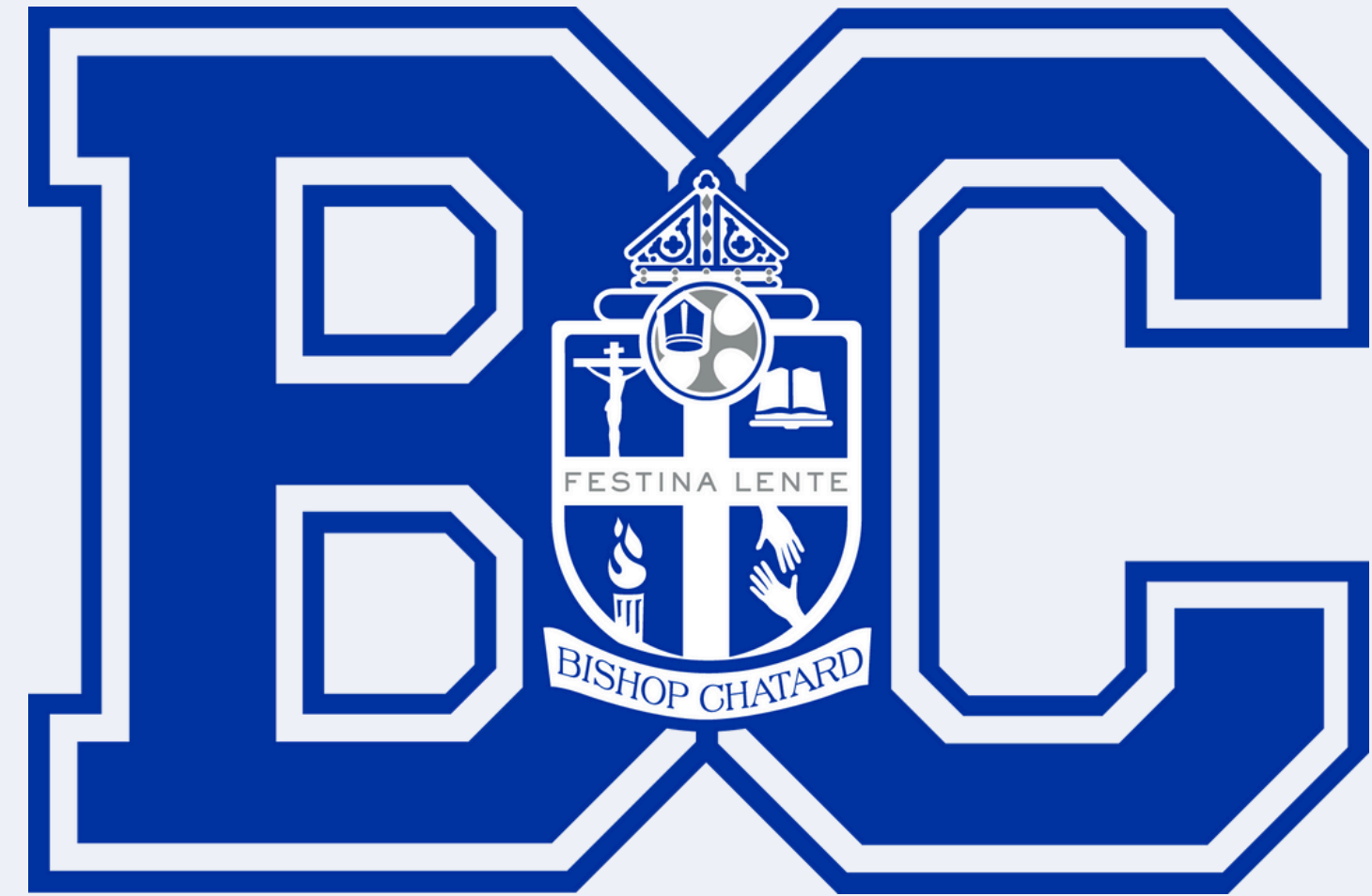


Building the Foundation of the Future

JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING



OVERVIEW



- Senior Team
- College App Timeline
- Testing plan and utilizing summer
- College Fit
- Common App
- Financial Considerations
- Junior Meetings
- Q & A

Counseling Department

SENIOR TEAM

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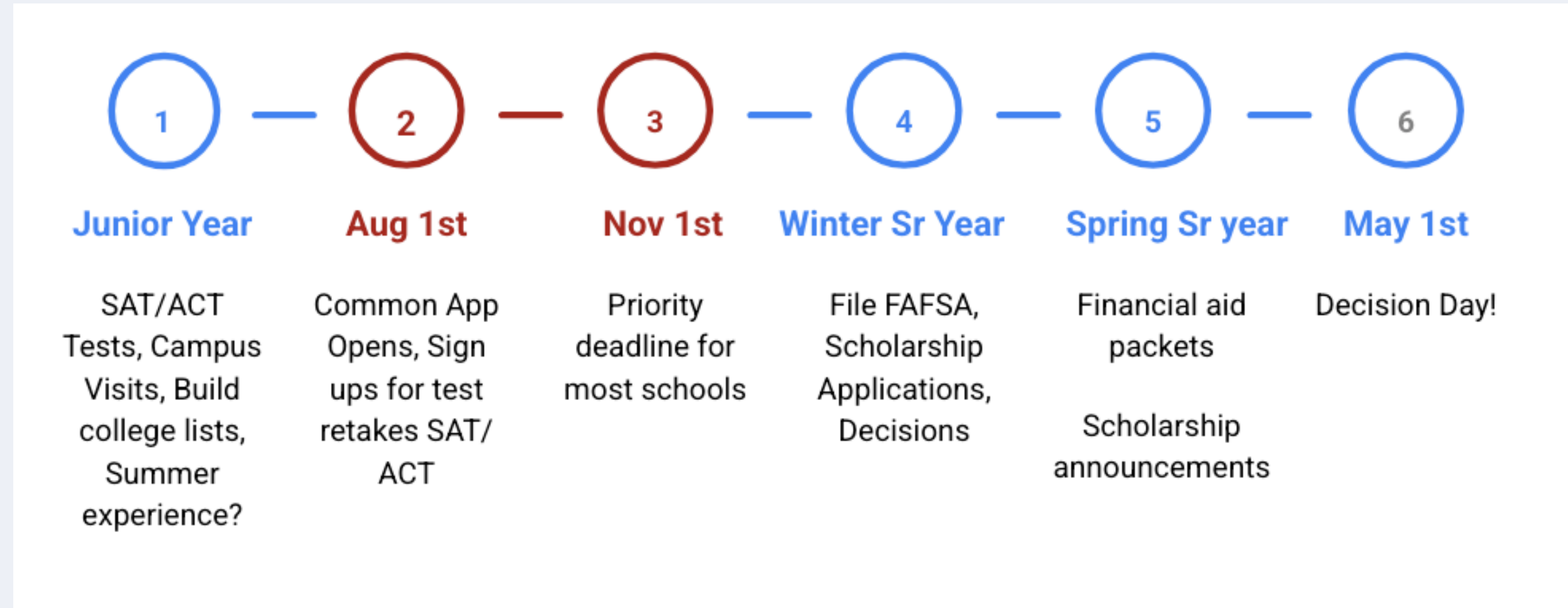
- Graduation Requirements
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- Senior Schedules



Kate Burkett

- College Applications
- Career Counseling
- Transcripts
- NCAA Reporting

OVERVIEW OF TIMELINE

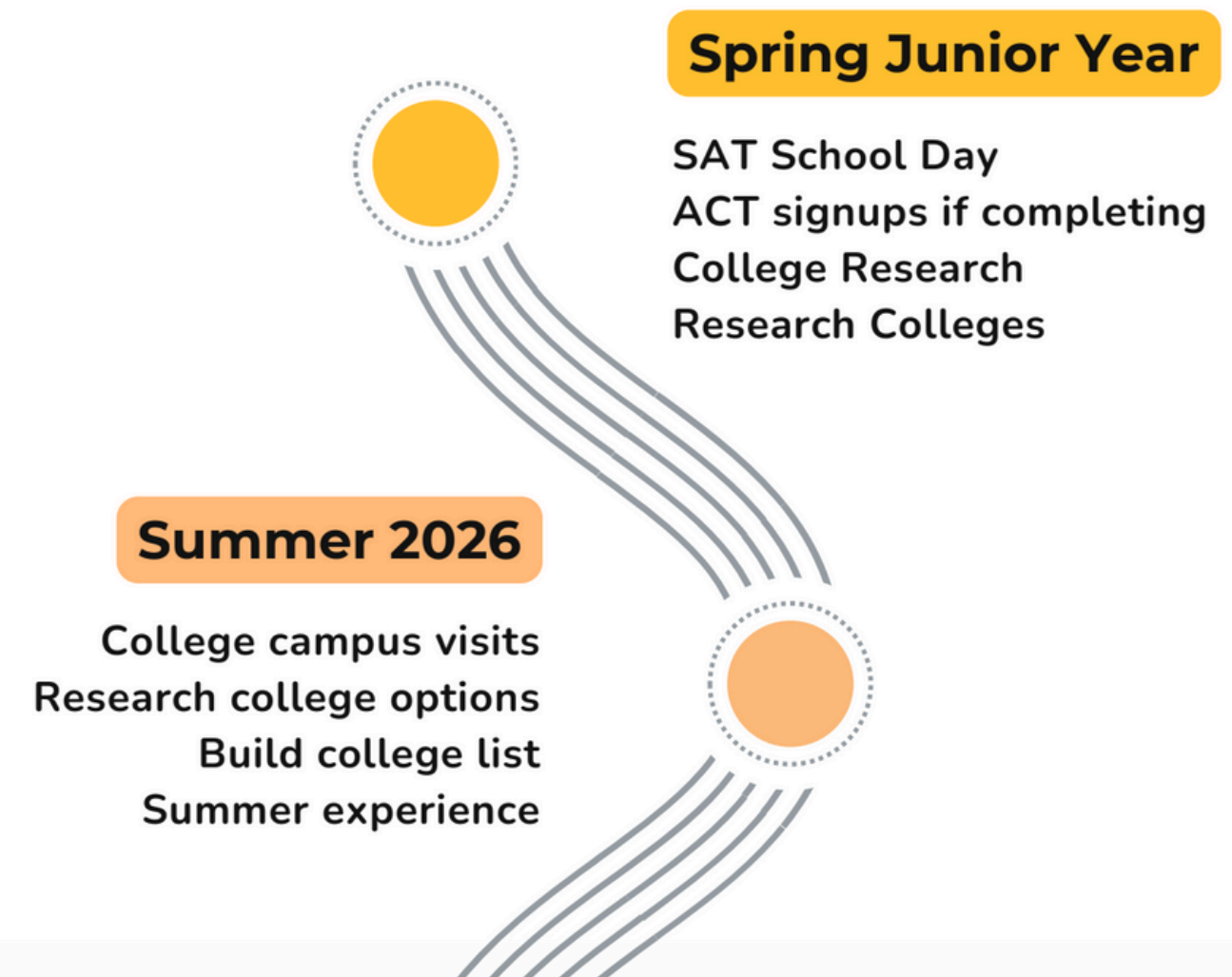


JUNIOR YEAR

All juniors take the SAT Thursday,
March 5 at BCHS

- 01 Take SAT and ACT & Compare Scores
- 02 Junior College Meetings
- 03 Utilize Scoir for lists & LoR, surveys
- 04 College Summer Experiences

College App Timeline

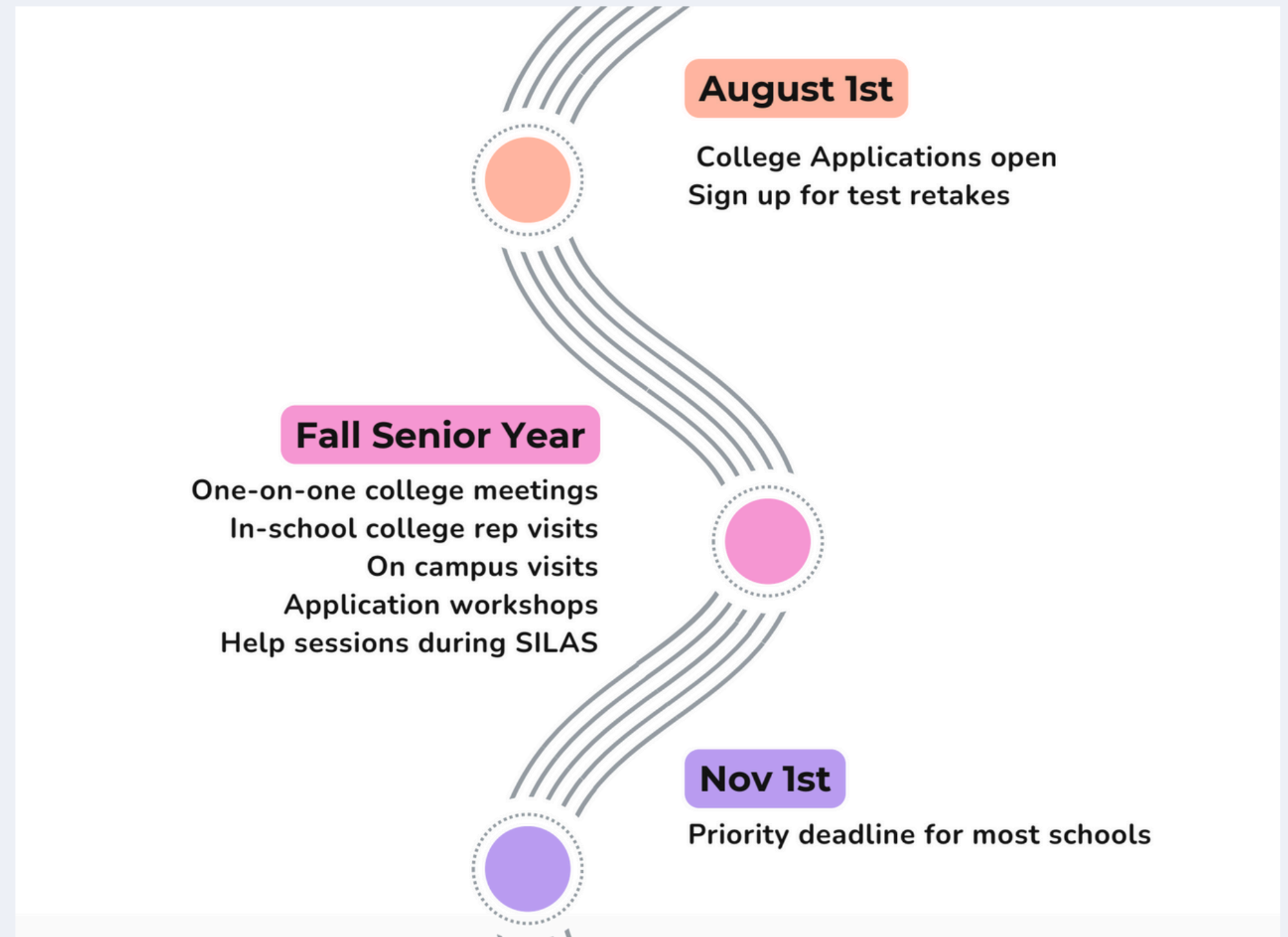


AUG 1- NOV 1

The Common App opens 8/1/26

This IS the College Application. It is one application students fill out and send to all colleges.

- 01 Staying organized- email addresses, deadlines
- 02 Request LoR from teachers by mid-September
- 03 Test optional considerations
- 04 *DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE*




AFTER NOV 1ST

Decisions and Financial Aid

- 01 Staying organized - checking app portals, deadlines
- 02 Scholarship applications Jan-March
- 03 Fin Aid Conversations
- 04 May 1st



Feature 	Digital SAT (2025/2026)	Enhanced/Traditional ACT
Science	No dedicated Science section; integrates analysis within Reading/Writing/Math.	Has a dedicated Science section (interpreting data/experiments).
Math	Formula sheet provided, calculator allowed on all sections.	Some trigonometry/matrices; calculator use varies by section.
Pacing	Slower pace (more time per question), shorter overall test.	Faster pace, more questions in less time (e.g., ACT Math has less time per question).
Scoring	400-1600 (Composite).	1-36 (Composite).

All schools accept SAT or ACT

TEST OPTIONAL

- 01 Purdue requires test scores
- 02 IU’s KSB app more competitive
- 03 BSU for automatic scholarships
- 04 More competitive programs may require

What are you looking for in a college?

COLLEGE FIT

- 01. Academic Fit: Major, Rigor, Program
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- 02. Social Fit: Location, Size, Private/ Public
.....
- 03. Financial Fit: Discussion
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COLLEGE FIT

What are colleges looking for in a candidate?

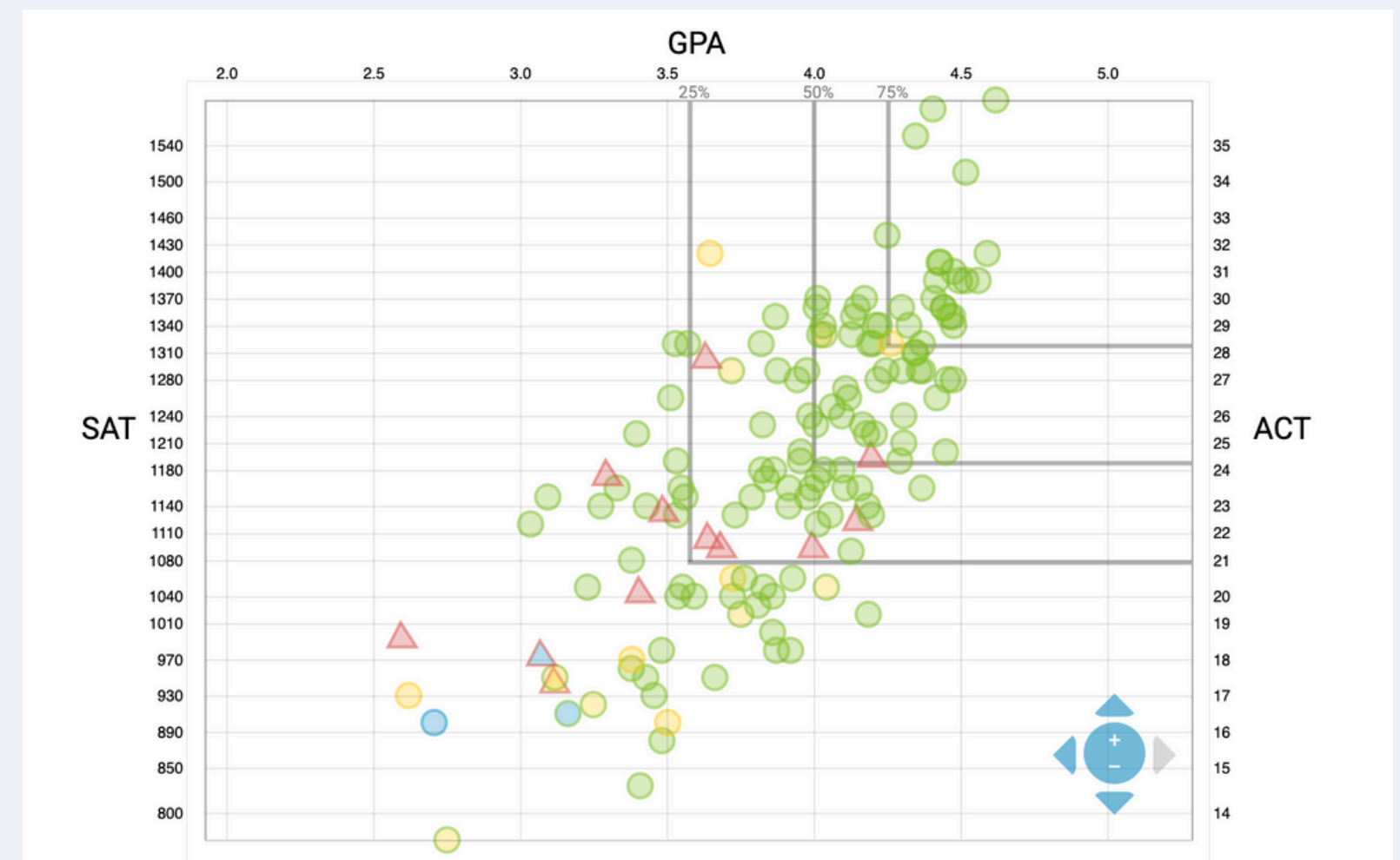
- Academic record by FAR the most important
- Senior Courseload
- Test scores if applicable
- Extracurricular and community involvement
- Letter of Rec and Essay
- Special considerations: Athletics, Interviews, Prep for intended field-- Calc/Physics for Engineering



SCOIR account through Chatard

- Easy Access to all info in one spot
- Save colleges to keep track of app list
- Scattergrams (see graph)
- Career and average salary information
- Letter of Rec are managed through Scoir

COLLEGE FIT





APPLICATION PROCESS

Student's Role

- Attend application meetings, complete forms
- Talk to teachers and request LoR on **Scoir**
- Keep track of deadlines, requirements for schools
- Complete **Common Application**
- Check **application portals** for each school

Counselor's Role

- Write a counselor LoR for student as applicable
- Meet 1-on1 between 8/1/26 and Fall Break
- Send transcripts, LoR, School Profile, and supporting documents through Scoir
- Answer questions, run help sessions, facilitate rep visits, find programs for students, essay help, advice.

FINANCES

Seeing the full picture

- 01 In-state vs Out-of-state tuition
- 02 Private vs. Public-- aid difference
- 03 Full picture- grad school?
- 04 Who is responsible for payment?

The key is open communication



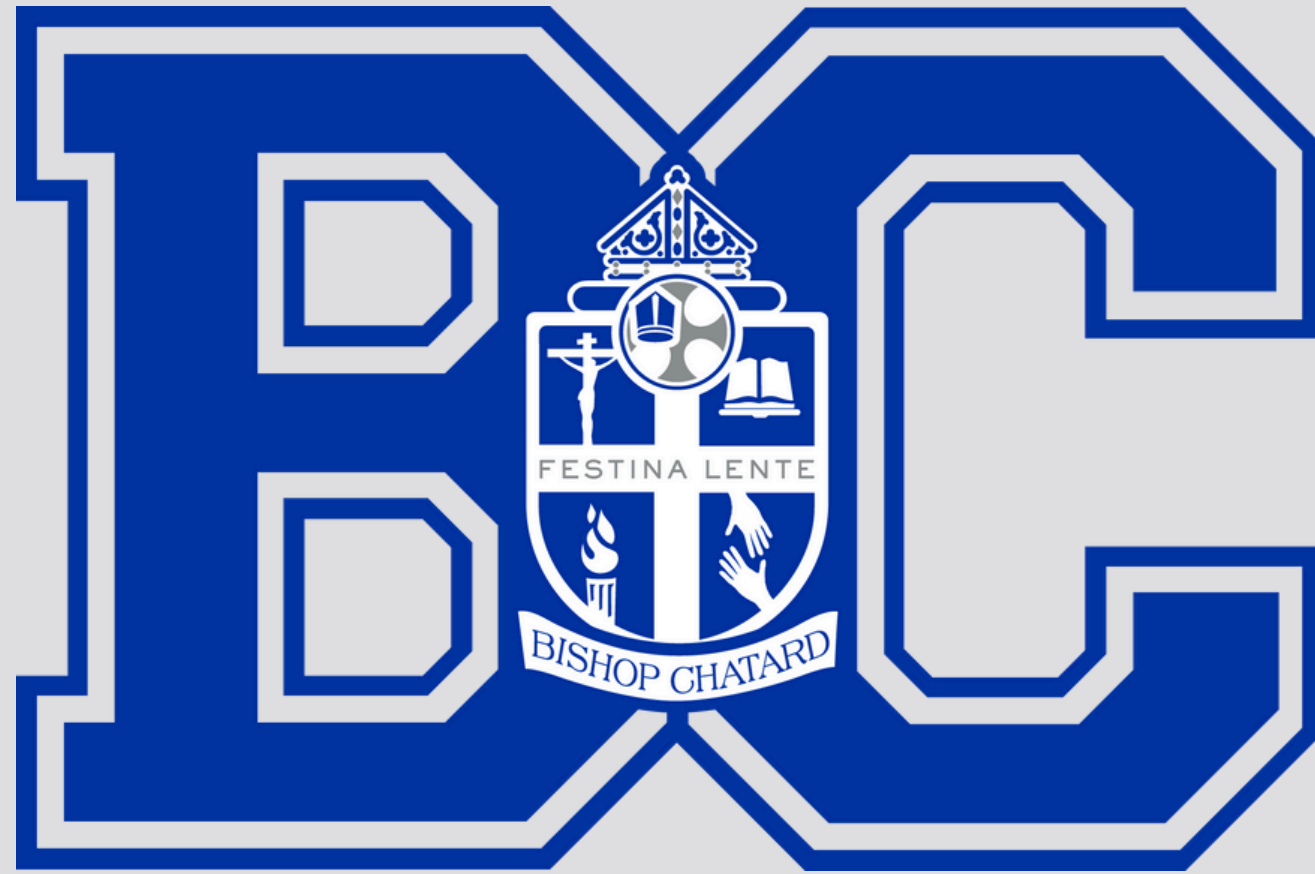
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Sources

- 01 Government aid
- 02 Institutional aid
- 03 Third party scholarships
- 04 529 Accounts and Loans

The key is open communication





**Junior year is the last
grades on transcripts for
Nov. 1, 2026 deadline**

MAKING JUNIOR YEAR COUNT

01. Academics- grades and test scores
02. College exploration- summer programs, campus visits, Scoir
03. Explore careers- job shadows, summer jobs
04. Rigorous senior schedule, Common App Essay in English
05. Complete Junior College Meeting, College survey (spring)

Q & A?

RESOURCES

- 01. Bishop Chatard Career and College Roadmap
- 02. Enrichment/ Summer Activities
- 03. Net Price Calculators: Purdue, IU, Ball State
- 04. Kburkett@bishopchatard.org