

# 2023-2024 SAT AND ACT TESTS

JUNIORS SHOULD TAKE THE SAT AND ACT TESTS IN THE SPRING OF THEIR JUNIOR YEAR

## SAT TEST

**REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>**

Park Vista's SAT location code is 10-372

**\$60.00 test fee**

**Fee Waivers are available on College Board website if you have FREE/REDUCED LUNCH**

**Practice at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org>**

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 26, 2023	Jul 28, 2023	Aug 15, 2023
Oct 7, 2023	Sept 8, 2023	Sept 26, 2023
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov 21, 2023
March 6 is the free School Day SAT Date for all Juniors and select Seniors		
Mar 9, 2024	Feb 23, 2024	Feb 27, 2024
May 4, 2024	Apr 19, 2024	Apr 23, 2024
June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	May 21, 2024

## ACT TEST

Test Center Code for PVCHS: 235070

**\$66.00 test fee**

**Fee Waivers are available in School Counseling Office if you have FREE/REDUCED LUNCH**

**Practice at <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>**

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline / Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline / Photo Upload Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4	August 18	September 1
October 28, 2023	September 22	October 6	October 20
December 9, 2023	November 3	November 17	December 1
February 10, 2024	January 5	January 19	February 2
April 13, 2024	March 8	March 22	April 5
June 8, 2024	May 3	May 17	May 31
July 13, 2024	June 7	June 21	July 5

**PARK VISTA'S CEEB NUMBER IS 101923**

2022 State University System (SUS) Admissions Matrix

Universities	FAMU	FSU	FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA A&M COLLEGE SYSTEM	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	New College	UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA	UNF	UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA	UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
Type of Applications Accepted	Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online	Common App or Institutional Online
Self-Reported Platform	Official Transcripts	SSAR	Official Transcripts	SSAR	SSAR	SSAR	SSAR	SPARK	SSAR	SSAR	Official Transcripts	SSAR
Letter of Recommendation	Yes	No	No	Strongly Encouraged	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Super Score SAT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Super Score ACT	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Middle 50% of Admitted FTIC 2021 (S=Summer) (F=Fall)	S: 3.27 F: 3.67	S: 3.23-3.81 F: 3.73-4.33	S: 3.44-4.23 F: 3.56-4.33	S: 3.6-4.4 F: 4.1-4.6	S: 3.8-4.3 F: 4.2-4.6	S: 3.7-4.3 F: 4.2-4.6	F: 3.5-4.2	S: 3.77-4.29 F: 3.96-4.49	S: 4.4-4.6 F: 4.4-4.7	S: 3.3-4.0 F: 4.0-4.5	S: 3.57-4.11 F: 3.97-4.48	S: 3.36-4.02 F: 3.61-4.2
	S: 1060 F: 1100	S: 1000-1200 F: 1110-1270	S: 1050-1180 F: 1090-1230	S: 1130-1200 F: 1250-1400	S: 1040-1160 F: 1200-1350	S: 1040-1160 F: 1200-1350	F: 1113-1320	S: 1170-1280 F: 1250-1370	S: 1260-1420 F: 1350-1480	S: 1000-1150 F: 1100-1260	S: 1090-1170 F: 1230-1370	S: 1020-1180 F: 1060-1240
	S: 20.2 F: 22.3	S: 19-24 F: 23-29	S: 19-25 F: 22-27	S: 23-26 F: 27-31	S: 20-25 F: 25-30	S: 20-25 F: 25-30	S: 23-26 F: 27-31	F: 22-29	S: 29-32 F: 30-34	S: 20-25 F: 22-28	S: 12/1/21 2nd: 1/15/22	S: 20-24 F: 21-27
Deadlines	5/1/21	4/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 3/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 3/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 4/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 3/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 2/28/22	5/1/22	1st: 11/1/21 2nd: 3/1/22	1st: 7/1/22 2nd: 7/25/22	1st: 12/1/21 2nd: 1/15/22	1st: 12/1/21 2nd: 6/1/22
Notification Dates	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	Rolling	1st: 2/25/22 2nd: 3/25/22	Rolling	1st: 11/15/21 2nd: Rolling	1st: 10/15/21 2nd: Rolling
Priority Date for Aid & Scholarships	FAFSA: 3/1/22	FAFSA: 3/1/22 Scholarships: 1/14/22	FAFSA: 1/1/22 Scholarships: 11/1/21	FAFSA: 12/1/21 Scholarships: 11/1/21	FAFSA: 3/1/22 Scholarships: 11/12/21	FAFSA: 12/1/21 Scholarships: 11/1/21	FAFSA: 11/1/21 Scholarships: 2/1/22	FAFSA: 12/1/21	FAFSA: 3/1/22	FAFSA: 11/1/21 Scholarships: 11/1/21	FAFSA: 1/1/22 Scholarships: 1/15/22	FAFSA: 2/15/22 Scholarships: 12/1/21
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Transfer: 2+2 Enhancement Programs	Ignite Program	Link to FAU	Destination FGCU	Polk State College	Connect-4Success	TCC2FSU	Dual BA in Liberal Arts and Engineering with UF	DirectConnect to UCF	Gator Eng @SF; Gator Eng @SCF; DCP@ SF	SF2UNF; FSCJ/UNF UNF/SJR State Gateway	FUSE and PATHe	2UWF





PRIVATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY*	LOCATION	ADMISSION DEADLINE	MIDRANGE GPA	UNDERGRADUATE/FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT	PERCENTAGE OF UNDERGRADUATES FROM FLORIDA	ACCEPTANCE RATE	AVG. NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	AVG. NON-NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT AWARD	TOP 3 MAJORS
<b>ADVENT HEALTH UNIVERSITY*</b>	ORLANDO, FL	1110	3.3	Test Optional	81%	81%	\$26,090	\$3,582	NURSING OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PHYSICAL THERAPY
<b>BARRY UNIVERSITY*</b>	MIAMI, FL	2,091	3.44	ROLLING	69%	69%	\$45,840	\$8,358	NURSING PSYCHOLOGY BIOLOGY
<b>ECKERD COLLEGE*</b>	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	1,950	3.4-3.7	Early Action (1/15 deadline)	20%	20%	\$64,642	\$29,000	MARINE SCIENCE ANIMAL STUDIES ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
<b>EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY*</b>	DAYTONA BEACH, FL	7,177	3.92	JAN 15 & ROLLING	28.73%	28.73%	\$56,173 in state	\$1,555	AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE AEROSPACE ENG. MECHANICAL ENG.
<b>FLAGLER COLLEGE*</b>	ST. AUGUSTINE, FL	2,421	3.63	NOV 1 (ED) & MARCH 1 (RD)	55%	55%	\$41,060	\$12,663	BUSINESS ADMIN. CONSTRUCTION SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY
<b>FLORIDA COLLEGE*</b>	TEMPLE TERRACE, FL	546	3.5-3.9	ROLLING	29%	29%	\$28,260	\$6,299	BUSINESS ADMIN. LIBERAL STUDIES KINESIOLOGY
<b>FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY*</b>	MELBOURNE, FL	3,462	3.51-3.93	ROLLING	40%	40%	\$56,010	\$4,000	AEROSPACE ENG. AERO SCI. W/ FLIGHT COMPUTER SCIENCE
<b>FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE*</b>	LAKELAND, FL	2,631	3.6-4.2 (weighted)	NOV 1 - ED/EA, MAY 1 - RD	57%	57%	\$56,160	\$26,277	BIOLOGY NURSING BUSINESS
<b>JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY*</b>	JACKSONVILLE, FL	2,336	3.7	MAY 1	55%	55%	\$63,430	\$27,000	NURSING AVIATION HEALTH SCIENCES
<b>KEISER UNIVERSITY FLAGSHIP CAMPUS*</b>	WEST PALM BEACH, FL	1,175	3.2-3.4	ROLLING	40%	40%	\$53,179	\$6,543	GOLF MGMT. EXERCISE SCIENCE BUSINESS ADMIN.

\*An asterisk beside the institution name means the institution is "TEST OPTIONAL"

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<b>IVAN UNIVERSITY*</b>	BOCA RATON, FL	2,384	3.09	NOV 15/EA, JAN 15/EA, Rolling	32%	49%	\$16,599	\$16,599	INT'L BUSINESS SPORTS MGMT. ENTREPRENEURSHIP
<b>NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*</b>	FT. LAUDERDALE, FL	6,971	4.02	NOV 1 (ED), FEB 1 (REGULAR)	49%	49%	\$17,738	\$17,738	BIOLOGY PRE-NURSING PSYCHOLOGY
<b>RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART &amp; DESIGN*</b>	SARASOTA, FL	1,705	3.2-3.87	ROLLING, ANNUNCIATION, JAN. 15	24%	24%	\$73,490	\$73,490	COMPUTER ANIMATION ILLUSTRATION FILM
<b>ROLLINS COLLEGE*</b>	WINTER PARK, FL	2,238	3.5	NOV. 15/FEB. 15	57%	57%	\$71,690	\$71,690	BUSINESS BIOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY
<b>SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY*</b>	SANIT LEO, FL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO DATA REPORTED
<b>SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY*</b>	LAKELAND, FL	2,500	3.56	ROLLING	55%	55%	\$42,752	\$42,752	MINISTRY PSYCHOLOGY NURSING
<b>STETSON UNIVERSITY*</b>	DELAND, FL	2,572	3.89	Nov. 1	68%	68%	\$45,283	\$30,664	BUSINESS ADMIN. FINANCE PSYCHOLOGY
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI*</b>	CORAL GABLES, FL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO DATA REPORTED
<b>THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA*</b>	TAMPA, FL	9,356	ED, EA, RD	3.58	1196	24.8	\$44,378	\$8,902	UNDECIDED FINANCE MARKETING
<b>WARNER UNIVERSITY*</b>	LAKE WALES, FL	759	3.23	ROLLING	85%	85%	\$36,960	\$18,880	AGRICULTURAL STUDIES EXERCISE SCIENCE SOCIAL WORK

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# Top Ten Tips for Writing the College Essay

1. **Start early.** The more time you have, the less stress you'll have. And you'll have plenty of time to give the essay your best effort.
2. **Be yourself.** Take a moment to think about what interests you, what you love to talk about, what makes you sit up and take notice if it's mentioned in class or on TV. Then write about it. One of the biggest mistakes students make is "writing what they think others want to hear, rather than about an issue, event, or person that really had significance for them," says Richard M. Fuller, dean of admission and financial aid at Hamilton College (NY). An essay like that is not just boring to write—it's boring to read.
3. **Be honest.** You're running late (see #1), you can't think of what to write—and someone emails you a heartwarming story. With just a tweak here and there, it could be a great essay, you think. It's what you would have written if you'd just had enough time. Don't be fooled! College admission officers have read hundreds—even thousands—of essays. They are masters at discovering any form of plagiarism. Adapting an e-mail story, buying an essay from some Internet site, getting someone else to write your essay admission people have seen it all. Don't risk your college career by taking the easy way out.
4. **Take a risk.** On the other hand, some risks can pay off. Don't settle for the essay that everyone else is writing. Imagine an admission officer up late, reading the fiftieth essay of the day-yours. Do you want that person to nod off because he or she has already read ten essays on that topic? "The danger lies not in writing bad essays but in writing common essays—the one that admission officers are going to read dozens of," says Scott Anderson, associate director of college counseling at Mercersburg Academy (PA). "My advice? Ask your friends what they are writing—and then don't write about that!"
5. **Keep in focus.** This is your chance to tell admission officers exactly why they should admit you. Unfortunately, some students try to list every single reason—their stellar academic record, their athletic prowess, their community service—all in a page or two. When that happens, the essay looks like a grocery list. Instead, read the essay question carefully and jot down a few ideas. Then choose the one that looks like the most fun to write about. Stick to that main theme throughout the essay. You don't have to list all your achievements—that's what the rest of the application is for. Use the essay to help the admission officers get to know you as a person.
6. **Write and rewrite.** Don't try to write a masterpiece on your first try. It's not possible and all that pressure is likely to give you writer's block. For your first draft, write anything that comes to mind about your topic. Don't worry too much about grammar or spelling. Just get it down on paper (or computer screen). Then let it "rest" for a few hours or a few days. When you come back to the draft, look for ways to make it more focused and better written. Some people are "fat" writers: they write long, wordy first drafts that need to be shortened later. Others are "skinny" writers: they write short and simple first drafts and then need to add details or examples to "flesh out" the skeleton. Either way, don't be afraid to make major changes at this stage. Are there details that don't really relate to the topic? Cut them. Do you need another example? Put it in.

Here are two other things to try, suggested by college counselor Marti Phillips-Patrick.

1. Remove the introductory and concluding paragraphs, and then see if your essay seems stronger. These paragraphs are often the most likely to have unnecessary detail.
2. Go through the essay and cut out every "very" and every "many." Words like these are vague, and your writing is often stronger without them.

7. **Get a second opinion.** Even best-selling novelists ask other people to read their manuscripts before they're sent to the publisher. When you've rewritten the essay to your satisfaction, find someone who can give you advice on how to make it even better. Choose a person you respect and who knows something about writing—a favorite English teacher, a parent, a friend who writes for the school paper. Ask them to tell you what they like best about your essay—and what you can do to improve it. Criticism of your writing can be tough to hear, but try to listen with an open mind. You don't have to make every change suggested—after all, it's your essay and no one else's—but you should seriously consider each suggestion.
8. **Proofread.** Finally, you're ready to send your essay. Not so fast! Read it over one more time, looking for those little errors that can creep in as you write or edit. If you're using a computer, also run a spell check. Sometimes, it can be difficult to catch minor typos—you've read the essay so many times that you see what should be there rather than what is there. To make sure you catch everything, try reading your essay out loud or having someone else read it out loud to you. Another strategy is to read the essay backward, from the last sentence to the first. That makes it just unfamiliar enough for errors to stand out.
9. **Don't confuse applying online with sending e-mail.** Applying online is just as serious as applying "the old-fashioned way." It may feel like you're sending e-mail, but you're not. "One thing I've often seen is that students who apply online submit sub-par essays," says Palmer Muntz, director of admission at Oregon Institute of Technology. He has found that essays submitted online tend to be much shorter than those submitted on paper. In addition, students often use e-mail language—no capitalization, or abbreviations such as BTW or "thnx"—which are not appropriate to a formal document. Make sure that you put as much effort into an online essay as you would if you were sending it snail mail.
10. **Don't expect too much from an essay.** The application essay is important, but it's not the only thing that is considered. "Can [the essay] make a difference in getting the 'thin versus thick envelope? Absolutely," says Fuller. "But that is the exception rather than the rule." That's because admission officers look at the whole package—your academics, extracurricular activities, standardized tests, and other factors. A great essay rarely makes up for a weak academic record. On the other hand, a mediocre essay won't necessarily consign your application to the "deny" list. So make your essay as well-written as you can, but don't put so much pressure on yourself that the rest of the application fades in importance.





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Healthcare Industry Careers  
Beauty Industry Careers  
Automotive Industry Careers  
Armed Services Careers  
Ironworkers Industry Careers

Electrician Industry Careers  
Elementary School Aftercare Careers  
Correctional Facility Careers  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Careers  
Health & Nutrition Careers



# What Sets Students Apart?

## Activities: Volunteering

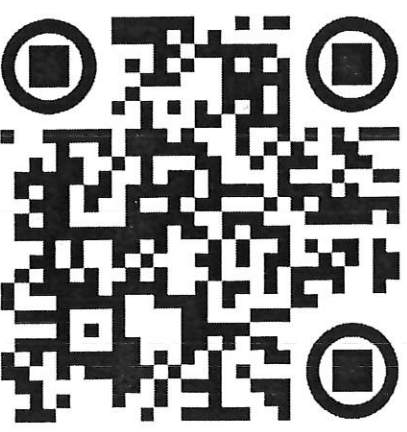
**Are you asking yourself: *Where can high school students volunteer?***

➤ If you are interested in volunteering ideas for high school students, volunteer jobs for high school students, or other volunteer hours opportunities, consider some of the following places to volunteer or visit our **School Counseling Community Service page on our PV website:**

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Schools
- Animal shelters
- Food Banks and Soup Kitchens
- Religious Institutions
- Libraries
- Museums
- American Red Cross
- Habitat for Humanity
- Meals on Wheels
- Best Buddies
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Other nonprofits



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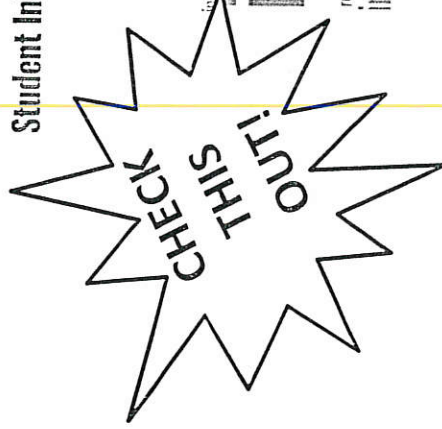
# What Sets Students Apart? Activities: Internships

## How do I find internship opportunities?

- Internet search
- Career Fairs
- Ask a professional you know



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## Student Internship Opportunities

networking  
engagement  
exceptionally useful  
personal development  
communicating  
responsibility  
inspiring experience  
stepping stone  
decision making  
confidence  
cv boost  
project management  
career development  
team working  
interview skills  
great opportunity  
career plan



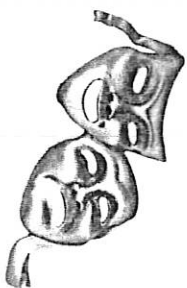
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## Human Resources

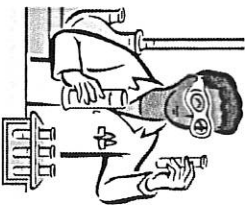
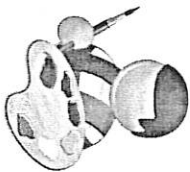
**Club**

- Art Club
- ASL (American Sign Language)
- Automotive Club
- Best Buddies
- Black Student Union
- Book Club
- Class of 2023 (Seniors)
- Class of 2024 (Juniors)
- Class of 2025 (Sophomores)
- Class of 2026 (Freshmen)
- Debate Team
- Drama Club
- Environmental Club
- Feeding South Florida
- FFEA (Florida Future Educators of America)
- First Priority
- GSA (Gender and Sexualities Alliance)
- Habitat for Humanity
- HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)
- Human Trafficking Awareness
- Jewish Student Connection
- Key Club
- Model UN
- Multicultural Club
- National Art Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- National English Honor Society
- National French Honor Society
- National Honor Society (Grades 11 & 12)
- National Journalism Honor Society (Quill & Scroll)
- National March Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta)
- National Music Honor Society (Tri M)
- National Psychology Honor Society/MyPower
- National Science Honor Society
- National Social Studies Honor Society (Phi Kappa)
- National Spanish Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- National Trapspan Honor Society
- Paw Protection
- PearlJam
- Promise Club
- SECME
- Special Olympics
- Seap Team
- Think Pink
- Wall Street Cobras
- Women of Tomorrow
- Writing Club

# What Sets Students Apart? Activities: Clubs



Park Vista's student clubs are a fun way to create, learn, and explore! Clubs are and are based on the interests of the student body as a whole. We encourage all students to take advantage of joining a club that will help you pursue your passions and interests.



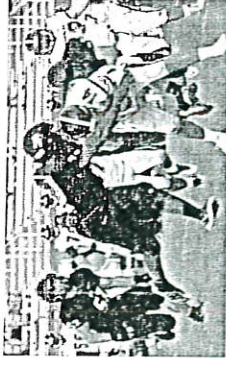
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# What Sets Students Apart? Activities: Athletics



## Athletic Director: Whitney Brydge

Coaches are listed next to the sport. Please use the QR Code to visit our school's athletic page and email any of the coaches directly.

### Fall

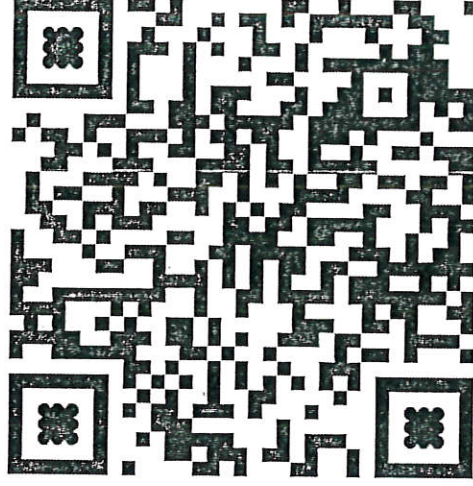
- Bowling - Coed: Sharon Moorhouse
- Cheerleading (Sideline) - Coed: Ashley Urso
- Cross Country - Coed:
- Football - Boys: Don Ferrero
- Golf - Boys: Brian Dodds
- Golf - Girls: Larry Brannon
- Swimming & Diving - Coed: Sharon Moorhouse
- Volleyball - Girls: Barkley Wyckoff

### Winter

- Basketball - Boys: Terrence Atkinson
- Basketball - Girls:
- Cheerleading (Competitive) - Coed: Ashley Urso
- Soccer - Boys:
- Soccer - Girls: Stacy Iacofana
- Weightlifting - Girls: Brian Dodds
- Wrestling - Boys: Shaun Marcis

### Spring

- Baseball - Boys: Larry Greenstein
- Flag Football - Girls: Lily Lanier
- Football - Boys:
- Lacrosse - Boys: Bryan Weinstein
- Lacrosse - Girls: Larry Brannon
- Softball - Girls: Louis Ortiz
- Tennis - Boys: Luke Dulin
- Tennis - Girls: Luke Dulin
- Track & Field - Boys:
- Track & Field - Girls:
- Volleyball - Boys:
- Volleyball (Beach) - Girls: Lily Lanier
- Weightlifting - Boys: Thadd Pokabla



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# The Importance of the High School Resume

(Source: CollegeBasic.com)

Most high school students think a resume is not needed until one graduates from college and is in the process of finding employment. This is far from the truth! It is an essential part of your college application.

Because admission to college is so highly selective today due to the marked increase of students applying for the limited open slots, it is imperative that you find a way to stand apart from all of the other applicants. A high school resume can help do that for you! It is one of the most important marketing tools that you can use in selling yourself. Essentially your resume provides a snapshot picture of the "REAL" you: your interests, passions, achievements, and contributions BOTH in and out of the classroom.

Although the resume includes the same information that a college application asks for, it has several distinct advantages:

- Your resume will highlight your most significant achievements and experiences during your high school career and, in doing so, it may help you develop a thematic approach to your application. By reading through your resume, you may gain insight into what makes you so special and unique from other students. You can then work this theme of what makes you "you" throughout your application.

- The college application allows only limited space to relate your academic and extracurricular achievements. Your resume will give you the opportunity to elaborate on ALL of your significant involvement and achievements in activities both in the classroom and in the community and, most importantly, you will be able to describe the specific contributions you made in each endeavor.

- After you develop your resume, it is a "done" document so it will be easy for you to simply transfer this information to your college application without making an error or omitting any significant experiences or honors achieved.

- You can use your resume to help your teachers and guidance counselor write a better recommendation for you because it will remind them in specific detail of your interests and the many accomplishments you have achieved during high school. It will also demonstrate to them your seriousness of purpose in the college application process and your good organizational skills.

A well-done resume will enhance your application by providing a professional and organized appearance to your application package.

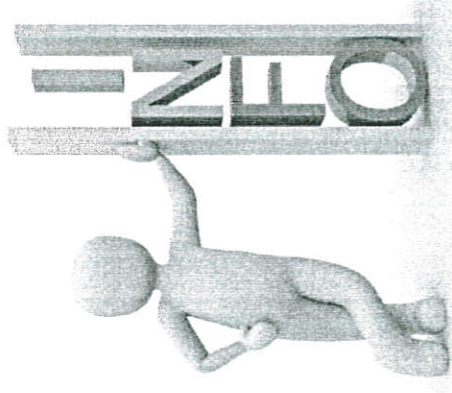
Your resume serves many purposes, but its main goal is to help you gain a competitive edge in the college application and scholarship application pools. Don't be afraid to market yourself. Use your resume to shine!



# JOIN US AT FUTURE COFFEE TALKS

The School Counseling Department offers parent meetings to share topics pertinent to high school success. All meetings will be held on Thursdays at 8:00am in the Media Center and will last approximately 1 hour. To view materials from our previous coffee talks please visit our School Counseling Department page on the Park Vista Website.

- ❖ **November 9: Dual Enrollment and Early Admissions**  
BOGO SALE! We are talking dual enrollment. This means eligible high school students may be able to earn college and high school credit simultaneously. Actually, while the credit is doubled, it is also free. We're giving it away! Now that's a sale! Come to our Coffee Talk and learn all about dual enrollment, its guidelines, advantages and requirements.
- ❖ **January 11: The Registration Process for the 2023-2024 School Year**  
That's right! It's that time of year again when students and parents begin selecting courses for next year. Hear from a school counselor about the credits that are needed for high school graduation, what courses are best to prepare your child for their plans after high school, what courses Park Vista offers and to what grade level, and what courses colleges, universities, vocational schools, and the military would like to see on your child's transcript.
- ❖ **April 4: Navigating the College Application Process**  
Current juniors will begin the college application process this summer!! Your child receiving their acceptance from their college of choice is one of the most wonderful events your family will experience. Before that happens, there is much work to do. This Coffee Talk will assist you in beginning the process in order to get to that point. Come hear from one of our counselors on how to navigate these often murky waters. Are you familiar with the Common App? Did you know that all 12 state universities in Florida, as well as over 1000 other colleges in America, can be applied for using the Common App? The target audience is parents of current juniors but sophomore and freshman parents will certainly benefit from learning this information early!



**Where to find information about  
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