

### **Waiting List Guidelines:**

1. Return any waiting list card(s) immediately to the college(s) in which you are interested. You may stay on as many waiting lists as you wish; however, if you are on the waiting list at multiple schools, determine which school would be your top choice.
2. Fall in love with one of the colleges to which you have been accepted. It is important to balance your commitment to this institution in your mind and heart with maintaining your hope about the waiting list.
3. Be patient. The waiting list is an endurance test, pushing the college process further into your senior year than you expected. Colleges will begin turning to their waiting lists after the national reply date of May 1<sup>st</sup> and continue to consider applicants until the end of June or even July in some cases.
4. About seven to ten days later after sending in the reply card, send a letter to the college(s) expressing your continued interest in the college and updating them about fresh accomplishments and enthusiasms you have experienced since your last communication with them. The letter should address your excitement about the college, a specific academic interest or course that is inspiring you and can translate to the college in question, and highlights from your extracurricular life. In very clear language, you should indicate to your top choice school that they are your number one school and that you would certainly attend if offered a space in the freshman class. We are happy to review the letter for you before you mail.
5. You may wish to ask a teacher for whom you are doing unusually fine work this spring and who has not previously written for you to write a letter for you. Please speak with your counselor before asking with your teacher.
6. Finish the spring semester on a high note. Your fourth quarter grades may be critical factor in the waiting list process. Some colleges may wait to render their decision until your final grades are available.
7. Keep us informed of every new success in your life. Just send us a quick email with the details.