

# FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL of CHARLESTON

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## Summer Work: Rising 12th Grade

with Ms. Schmidt

*PLEASE READ ALL OF THE BELOW INFORMATION CAREFULLY.*

**Assignment:** Complete an admissions essay for a college of your choice

### Directions:

1. Choose a college that you would like to apply to this year.
2. Create an account with the college OR an account with the Common App to access the essay prompt (**Mrs. Roy and I highly recommend using the Common App**).
  - The Common App is one platform that lets you submit essays, recommendations, and information to multiple schools at once.
  - Several colleges (*including Clemson, College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina, Columbia College, Charleston Southern, Furman, Newberry, South Carolina State, Presbyterian, The Citadel, The University of South Carolina, Winthrop, Wafford, and more*) participate in the Common App program.
  - Hundreds of out-of-state schools also use the Common App.
  - The Common App gives you seven essay prompts, but you only need to pick ONE prompt for the application.
  - Click [here to access the Common App](#) page to create an account (you will select “first year student”).
    - i. Use a personal and professional email address when creating your account
    - ii. I suggest using an email address that is a variation of your name (do NOT use something like “ILovePizzaAndTSwift@gmail.com”).
    - iii. Use your full and legal name (no nicknames or shortened names)
3. You will most likely have to complete a portion of the application BEFORE you will be able to access the essay prompt.
4. Once you reach the essay portion of the prompt, do the following:
  - Create a Google doc that is titled “First Name Last Name Essay”
  - On the first line of the Google doc, write the name of the college to which you want to apply (if you are doing the Common App, you can list one or several colleges; if you are NOT completing the Common App and are applying through a school portal, list just that school)
  - On the second line of the Google doc, paste the essay prompt, along with any directions (the directions will most likely include the word count).
  - Below the prompt/directions, write your essay.
  - Your essay draft should reflect your best effort and be free of typos and misspellings.
  - Upload the completed essay to Google Classroom (you will get an email invitation to Google Classroom the week before school begins)
  - **DO NOT SUBMIT OR COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION.** We will edit and revise your essay in class.
5. See [this page](#) for tips on how to write a college admissions essay
6. Email Ms. Schmidt at [schmidtj@fbschool.org](mailto:schmidtj@fbschool.org) with essay questions. Email [roys@fbschool.org](mailto:roys@fbschool.org) with application questions.