

SENIOR CALENDAR 2020 - 2021

September

- Review your HS transcript with your counselor. Know your GPA and class rank. Pay attention to college admission requirements when scheduling your classes.
- Review and gather information about colleges of interest to you. Request free catalogs and admissions information. If you haven't already, visit college campuses you plan to apply to.
- Register for the ACT / SAT if you haven't taken it, or you want to take it again.
- Schedule a Senior interview with your counselor to discuss your post-high school plans. Develop 2 plans.
- Become familiar with your school's college resources. Listen for school announcements about college or military rep visits. Watch for weekly information bulletins that come from the Counseling Office. Check with the Counseling Office for an ongoing list of scholarships available. Check other websites for scholarships.
- Work on a generic essay that can be used for college admissions or scholarships. Save it on your computer. Make sure it is well written! Have others (English teachers) look it over for suggestions and editing purposes.
- Register online with www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, and/or www.thewashboard.org for scholarship opportunities.
- Attend special programs, such as **Senior Parent Night (TBD)**.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT exams.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

October

- Students & parents need to register for a FSA ID at www.fafsa.ed.gov, click on the FSA ID link on the home page. (This will be needed to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form after October 1.)
- Submit your FAFSA form online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- Attend special info programs, such as **Financial Aid Night and FAFSA Help Night (TBD)**.
- Complete your academic resume and individual activity/work resume. These will be a helpful summary of your accomplishments for college and scholarship applications, and very helpful to give to those who write your letters of recommendations.
- Meet with college reps that come to your school. Attend college fairs. Continue to visit colleges.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT exams.

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October cont.

- Begin asking teachers, counselors, employers, coaches for letters of recommendation. Give them a copy of your academic resume. This provides them with some additional information about who you are. Allow them time, checking back within a month. Provide them with a stamped and addressed envelope if the letter is to be sent directly to the college. Don't forget to send them thank you notes!
- Check the Counseling Office & bulletin boards for scholarship opportunities & college/military rep visits.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

November

- Take SAT exam.
- Submit your FAFSA form, if you have not done so already.
- Make sure you are very aware of application and financial aid deadlines for the schools you want to apply to. Mark them on your calendar!
- Find out about upcoming campus visit days at colleges you may be interested in attending.
- Gather official transcripts to send with your college applications if you are interested in early admissions.
- Keep up your grades!
- Ask your counselor for advice!

December

- Take ACT and/or SAT exams.
- Make sure your FAFSA financial aid application is submitted to the colleges of your choice.
- Ask the Counseling Office to send your transcript and immunization record to a colleges once you have applied.
- Work on college admission applications. Goal is to have them finished and submitted by January 1st.
- Continue applying for scholarships.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

January

- Do well on your first semester finals!
- Submit transcripts with mid-year grades as needed to the colleges you have applied to.
- Pay attention to scholarship and college admission deadlines.
- Plan to attend college campus visit days.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

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February

- Apply for more scholarships. Continue to check with your counselor for scholarship opportunities. Some individual college scholarship deadlines are in February, others in March. **KNOW YOUR DEADLINES.**
- If you are planning on taking college classes over the summer, check to see whether you need to take a placement test.
- Let your counselor know when you receive any scholarship awards.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

March

- Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. This form will provide you with your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) and with information about your eligibility for federal grants (free \$). Compare the financial aid awards you receive from each school.
- Let your counselor know when you receive any scholarship awards.
- Keep up your grades!
- Ask your counselor for advice!

April / May

- Make your decision about which college you will be attending and notify schools of your decision to accept or decline.
- Complete all additional college academic, financial, and housing paperwork.
- Register for summer and/or fall classes, if this applies to you.
- Ask the Counseling Office to send your final High School transcript to the college you will be attending.
- Enjoy your remaining weeks in school and do well on your finals!
- Attend the Senior BBQ.
- Ask your counselor for advice!

