

Senior Calendar and Checklist

Summer	August	September	October
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review your careers plans and decide what type of school is right for you <input type="checkbox"/> Visit some college campuses <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow your college list to 3 to 5 schools <input type="checkbox"/> Create a personal email address (different than your school email address) to use for all college-related communication <input type="checkbox"/> Begin brainstorming about essay topics and develop a rough draft <input type="checkbox"/> Fill out your Senior Brag Sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be on the look-out for college applications to open August 1st! <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your counselor about dates for the SAT and ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of tests, dates, fees, and registration deadlines for college admissions and financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Gather materials such as teacher recommendations (allow ample time for teachers, counselors, employers) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the Residency Determination Service (RDS) and record your RCN number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to your list of colleges, including “dream schools” and “safety schools” <input type="checkbox"/> Meet early non-binding deadlines if possible, so that you can be considered for university scholarships and other special programs <input type="checkbox"/> Register to take the SAT or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> If retaking the ACT, go to ACT.org, select “NO” for “Have you registered for the ACT before?” and then enter your ACT ID from your score report or from your counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to have the scores from these tests sent to the schools of your choice <input type="checkbox"/> For scholarships that require an essay, polish your rough draft and consult your English teacher if needed <input type="checkbox"/> Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights <input type="checkbox"/> Begin filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) which opens on October 1st
November	December	January	February
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT or ACT, if you have not already done so <input type="checkbox"/> Begin searching for scholarship applications online or in Student Services (read requirements carefully to determine what is needed and when it is due) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a college senior day or an open house at a college that you are most interested 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your parents to save their year-end payroll stub for financial aid eligibility reviews by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Complete any of your last college applications <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t forget to submit official high school transcripts and test scores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check status of mid-year transcripts <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your completed FAFSA as soon as possible to meet various Priority Filing Deadlines <input type="checkbox"/> Don’t fall prey to “Senioritis”! Colleges will ask for your grades from the second semester and can refuse admission if these grades are not acceptable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finish your FAFSA if you have not already done so <input type="checkbox"/> Men 18 years and over must register for the Selective Service in order to receive federal financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and write down these dates <input type="checkbox"/> Keep copies of all forms submitted
March	April	May	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check your email frequently and look for emails from colleges requesting that you verify your financial aid information; schools listed on your FAFSA will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) to determine your award amount (this process is different at every school) <input type="checkbox"/> Be on the lookout for scholarship award letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Send graduation announcements to family and friends <input type="checkbox"/> Watch the mail for college acceptance letters and financial aid award letters <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate your options and make your final college selection <input type="checkbox"/> Send in your deposit to the college <input type="checkbox"/> Notify the other schools that you will not be attending <input type="checkbox"/> Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, orientation, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Consider summer job opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make your college decision by May 1st! <input type="checkbox"/> Review financial aid information; decline offers from schools you are not attending <input type="checkbox"/> Clear any senior obligations (i.e. money owed, textbooks, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Notify counselor of any awards and scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Study for final exams <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation! <input type="checkbox"/> Write thank you notes for any scholarships you received or for any graduation gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check the mail for packets from the college regarding registration for classes, campus events, and Freshmen Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Buy the things you need for college gradually over the summer; avoid expensive, last-minute buying decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Pack for college <input type="checkbox"/> Do not miss your Freshmen Orientation dates <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations! You are ready to begin your first semester of college!</p>