

Senior College planner / month by month

September

- Take your ACT/SAT if you haven't already done so.
- Gather your information for college applications.
- Make sure you are in the correct classes for graduation and college preparation.
- Attend college fairs if you aren't sure of where you would like to apply.
- Find out any and all deadlines for the places you are applying.

October

- Take your ACT/SAT if you haven't already done so.
- Begin applying to the colleges you are interested in
- Request your official transcripts from Ms. Pat in the main office
- Request a letter of recommendation from your counselor, teachers, etc. if you need them for admissions into college. ***Do not wait until the last minute!!***

NOVEMBER

- Begin preparing your applications for regular admission.
- Prepare essays for applications, put together necessary portfolios, and prepare for any required auditions.
- The financial aid workshop is typically held mid-November.
- Scholarships

DECEMBER

- Make sure the schools you applied to have received your ACT/SAT scores.
- If you have applied to any early decision schools, this is when you will begin hearing from them.

- Make sure you know where you stand in all of your courses...remember, there are courses you NEED to graduate and courses you WANT to get into college. If you fail this semester in the courses you NEED to graduate, you will take them again in the spring semester. If they don't fit in your schedule, you will be taking them after school at MATC or through a correspondence course.
- Make sure you pay your senior fees (if you haven't already done so).
- Apply for a pin to do your FAFSA form Online at www.pin.ed.gov
- Scholarships

JANUARY

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms are to be filled out. Fill them out early at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Finals are at the end of the month.
- The new semester begins.
- Scholarships

FEBRUARY

- If you filled out the FAFSA in January, you should begin getting your results.
- Attend College Goal Sunday to get help filling out the FAFSA if you have not already done so.
- Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships

MARCH

- You may begin hearing from schools that you applied to for regular decision.
- Make sure you have met the deadlines for caps/gowns, graduation announcements, etc.
- Scholarships

APRIL

- You should hear definitive answers from the schools you submitted regular decision applications to.
- Begin comparing financial aid packages/scholarship offers from the schools that you have been accepted to and decide on which school you would like to attend.
- When you decide on the school you want to attend, notify that school with a commitment letter.
- Senior dinner and various other senior activities may be scheduled.
- Spring break/Senior trip?????

- After you receive your acceptance letter, visit the colleges again before making your final decision.

MAY

- AP exams are scheduled
- Rexnord/Honors Program
- Inform the school on your definite post-secondary plans
- Prom???
- Experience Art/Riverwalk???
- Senior final exams MAY start.
- Pay any and all outstanding fees
- Final preparations for graduation...make sure you are ready and have done everything you need to do.
- Start looking for summer jobs/internships.

JUNE

- Have final transcripts sent to the school of your choice.
- Make sure you know when fees are due for the school you are planning to attend and how much they are.
- Notification of graduation status...counselors will contact those that will not graduate.
- Graduation practice
- **GRADUATION!** You made it!!!!