**Senior Year Timeline for College Bound Students**

**September:**

* Meet with the school counselor to discuss college plans, post-high school employment, military, career choices, test results and courses
* Attend college, career, job, scholarship and financial aid fairs
* Compare and finalize a list of colleges that you want to apply to
* Request admissions information from chosen colleges
* Schedule college visits, look for visit days on college website-You have 2 college days
* Research scholarship and financial aid sources
* Pay attention to important dates, requirements and deadlines-create a schedule or use a planner to keep track of deadlines
* Maintain a high level of effort in classes, clubs, sports, extracurricular activities, volunteering and paid employment
* If you are not involved in clubs, etc., GET INVOLVED in something!
* Schedule to re-take the SAT/ACT
* Discuss career plans to determine your future course of study in college; undecided is OK!
* Talk to college admissions reps that visit school
* Give recommendation form to teachers
* Start writing admissions essays for college applications
* **Apply for your FSA ID and have a parent apply for one as well.**
* If you will be playing sports at the collegiate level, make sure you have completed all NCAA documents
* Set up a college file-keep all documents organized and make copies of EVERYTHING!
* Develop a resume and keep it current throughout the year

**October:**

* Complete all college applications
* Have your high school send transcripts to the college you applied at through Parchment
* Request financial aid and scholarship information from potential colleges
* Schedule and prepare for college interviews if applicable
* Talk to people who work in your chosen career area and job shadow

**November:**

* Continue to research scholarships and financial aid sources
* If you are accepted early and are 100% sure that this is where you will be attending, withdraw applications to other colleges

**December:**

* **FAFSA!! Apply as soon as it opens—hopefully December 1st!**
* Attend FAFSA Completion Night if you need assistance completing the application

**January-March:**

* Submit all requested federal/state financial aid documents and evaluate financial aid packages
* Order through Parchment, 7th semester transcript, if required
* Confirm that all college application materials/documents have been submitted and received
* Don’t fall prey to “senioritis”!
* Check your personal email frequently for communication from colleges, financial aid (including award letters), scholarship opportunities, etc.
* Make final decision on college you will attend (if you haven’t already) and notify others of non-attendance
* Finalize housing application and plans, if applicable
* Send in any deposits to colleges
* Local scholarships will be distributed-pay attention to requirements and deadlines, keep copies
* Request letters of recommendation

**April-May:**

* Make sure everything has been completed-college, scholarships, financial aid
* Use Parchment to request final transcripts
* Think about summer employment
* Honors Night
* Graduation practice
* **GRADUATION!**
* Write thank you notes for scholarships that you received
* Get items ready for college in the fall