

# Senior College Checklist

## September

- Retake SAT/ACT if needed
- Go the college web sites and check for scholarships (under Financial Aid)
- Make a calendar for scholarship and application deadlines
- Narrow down list of schools: 1 "reach" school, 2 "match" schools, and 1 "safe" school
- If you are applying Early Action/Early Decision to a school, start the application

## October

- October 1st FAFSA & ORSAA opens!
- Request letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, coaches, etc. Give them AT LEAST 2-3 weeks notice to write a good letter.
- Continue working on college applications

## November

- Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges (you do this online through the College Board or ACT website)
- Apply to schools (some colleges have priority admissions or early decision applications that may be due this month)\*
- Continue working on college applications
- Start OSAC scholarship application

**\*If you qualify for free/reduced lunch you may be eligible for a fee waiver at certain colleges**

## December

- Continue working on college applications
- Apply for scholarships
- Request official high school transcript (form is in the Counseling Office)
- If you have not already, FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA or ORSAA

## January/February

- Finish applying to colleges
- Focus on schoolwork & keep grades up
- Apply for scholarships

## March/April

- As acceptance letters & financial aid packages arrive, review and compare the schools with your parent/guardian
- Focus on schoolwork & keep grades up
- Apply for scholarships

## May

- Make a final decision (5/1) and commit to a school: notify the school & make deposit
- Request your final transcript be sent (form in the counseling office)
- Apply for scholarships