



Class of 2024

SENIOR YEAR PLANNING TIMELINE OCTOBER



While navigating your senior year, we have a few ideas to make your time and planning go smoother.

- ❖ If you are applying for "Early Decision" or "Early Action," start preparing your application now and be aware of their specific deadlines. The Counseling Center staff requires ten school days to process applications. Take this into consideration when thinking about submission dates to meet college deadlines. Read all the instructions on the college applications thoroughly to find out what information is required (test scores, essays, recommendations, etc.) and when it must reach the college.
- ❖ Watch for college visits with a college admissions representative. Be prepared with questions. All college visits are posted in Naviance Student. Register for each college(s) you are interested in attending. A complete list of times and colleges is available on the College & Career website under "College Fairs and Visits."
- ❖ If you have not taken the SAT or ACT or think you can improve your test scores by retaking these tests, plan to retake them in the fall. Register online for these exams. Pay attention to registration deadlines and the photo requirement. **Register at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration>**
- ❖ Create a checklist of deadlines, fees, test dates, college applications, and scholarship deadlines.
- ❖ Attend Financial Aid Night in the Auditorium and Career Night at the Senior High School Cafeteria during Open House on September 28. There will be a variety of companies highlighting in-demand careers. Some will also offer shadowing opportunities or participate in an internship or apprenticeship program.
- ❖ It will help if you document your activities, including clubs, sports, volunteering, leadership, awards, work, etc. In addition, you will need this information for your college, scholarship applications, and employment resumes.
- ❖ Schedule your senior appointment. Your counselor will discuss graduation requirements, post-high school plans, and other pertinent topics at this session. **Be ready to ask questions!** If you are considering applying for Early Decision or Early Action, make your senior appointment early to discuss this option and how to proceed.
- ❖ Complete your FAFSA online and any additional forms required by the college. **FAFSA will be updating their form and will not be available until December 1 this year.** List the code numbers for the colleges you want to receive the information. **Don't assume you won't receive any aid; apply for financial aid and let the professionals make that decision. A video on the College and Career website will help walk you through the process.**
- ❖ Visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov and register for your "FSA ID." Your parent/guardian must also register for their own ID number.
- ❖ Start asking teachers to write you a supportive letter recommending you as a capable student ready to do college work. Be sure to give them ample time to prepare this letter. **Procrastination on your part does not constitute an emergency on theirs!**

Email your school counselor with any questions or concerns:

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