SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

- Continue to challenge yourself and take solid elective courses (don't take the easy road because you have your credits for graduation)
- Meet with Mr. Dressman and Mrs. Robinson to discuss graduation status.

College Pathway

- Attend virtual college fairs

- Apply to colleges by Nov. 1st
- Request transcripts to be sent to colleges through NAVIANCE
- Request teachers to write letters of recommendation in NAVIANCE (choose people who actually know you, not just those with a title). Give them plenty of time to write the letters and please ask them first before requesting.
- Take the ACT/SAT in September/October (repeat as necessary or desired)
- Apply for scholarships on Naviance, I will post scholarships in Naviance, check your email account on Naviance.
- Start applying for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning OCTOBER 1st. Must create your FSA ID first, https://fsaid.ed.gov/
- Attend FAFSA night

Military Pathway

- Take ASVAB if you plan to enlist in the military, we are going to try and administer the exam in the spring if possible.
- Speak to recruiter and submit transcripts
- Virtual visit a base or in person if possible

Workforce Pathway

- Go on OhioMeansJobs and search for job opportunities if you plan to work immediately after graduation.
- Research Advanced Technology Academy Program at Tri-C
- Finish Resume - can use Naviance
- Get references
- Check Naviance for job opportunities after graduation

LIST OF SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

www.Blackexcel.org - federal scholarships aid gateways and 25 scholarship gateways

www.Brokescholar.com - will match your profile against thousands of scholarships

www.Clubscholarship.com - part of the collegiate funding.com network and lists more than 500.000 awards

www.Collegeboard.org - offers a database with over 2,300 sources of funding

www.Collegeanswer.com - offers free scholarship searches

www.Collegescholarships.com - provides scholarship searches and personalized scholarship application assistance

www.Collegeview.com - free online scholarship search engine

www.Gocollege.com - has over 600,000 scholarships with over 8,000 funding sources

www.Fastweb.com - will match profile against thousands of scholarships throughout the **year**

www.Fastaid.com - says they are the oldest and largest free scholarship search engines

www.Finaid.org

www.Hispanicscholarship.com - maintains database of scholarships for Hispanic students

www.Knowhow2go.org

www.best - trade - schools.net/new - journeys - scholarship/

www.Nextstudent.com - offers free scholarship search, student loans and loan counseling

www.Petersons.com

www.Scholarshipexperts.com - free online search engine of thousands of scholarships available

www.Scholarships.com -free scholarship search engine

www.Schoolsoup.com

www.Studentawards.com - contains both U.S. and Canadian scholarship databases

www.Supercollege.com -free scholarship search engine

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

The first step in the financial aid process is to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application form at www.fafsa.gov. This will inform you of any federal scholarship or financial aid that you qualify for. The FAFSA is always free to fill out. **<u>Do not</u>** fill out the FAFSA at www.fafsa.com or any other website because they will charge a fee.

www.oasfaa.org - OASFAA/Ohio Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

www.fafsadcaster.ed.gov

http://OhioCollegeGoalSunday.org

www.studentaid.ed.gov

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Preparing to Complete the FAFSA

Obtain an FSA ID:

1. Go to https://fsaid.ed.gov

2. Select "Create FSA ID".

3. Fill-in the required information, including birth date and social security number. Make sure the name you use here matches the name on your social security card.

4. **BOTH** student and parent need an FSA ID username and password.

What information will I need to complete the FAFSA?

1. FSA ID username and password for the student and parent,

2. One of the following:

    a. FSA ID and password to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool*

    b. 2016 income tax returns or W-2 forms for student and parents.

3. Balance of all checking and savings accounts for parents and students.

4. Balance of all investment accounts for parents and students.

*If you are married filed jointly, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool allows you to copy your e-filed tax return information directly into the FAFSA. This decreases your likelihood of being selected for verification.

Completing the FAFSA

1. Go to www.fafsa.gov

2. Click on "Start A New FAFSA".

3. Enter the STUDENT'S FSA ID and password to start the application.

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I submitted my FAFSA. Now what?

1. You will receive a confirmation page immediately after submitting your FAFSA stating that your FAFSA has been submitted. This will provide you with an estimate of federal grant and federal loan awards.

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3. You will receive a confirmation e-mail 3-5 days after submitting your FAFSA stating that your FAFSA has been processed. At this time, each college to which you submitted your FAFSA will receive your information and begin developing a financial aid award based on it.

4. If your and/or your parents' adjusted gross income or family circumstances have changed since filing your 2016 taxes, contact each of your college's financial aid departments to complete a "Special Circumstances Appeal."

a. Watch your e-mail for requests for *verification* from one or more of the colleges that accepted you. Complete all of the paperwork promptly and return to the colleges.

5. Watch for Financial Aid Award Letters from each of the colleges you added to your FAFSA. Most will appear on each college's student portal. If you need help deciphering these Award Letters, contact your College Now advisor at your school or in the Resource Center.

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