

Senior Calendar and Checklist

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review your careers plans and decide what type of school is right for you <input type="checkbox"/> Visit some college campuses <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow your college list to 3 to 5 schools <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to gather materials for applications -- including teacher recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your counselor for registration materials and dates for the SAT and ACT 	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of tests, dates, fees, registration deadlines for college admissions and financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Start sending your college applications <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to several schools, including "dream schools" and "safety schools" <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to gather materials such as teacher recommendations (allow time for teachers, counselors, or employers to write the recommendations) 	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to have the scores from these tests sent to the schools of your choice <input type="checkbox"/> For colleges that require an essay, develop a rough draft and consult your English teacher if necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights 	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the SAT or ACT, if you have not already done so <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain financial aid applications from the guidance office (read them carefully to determine what is required and when it is due) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a college senior day or an open house at a college that you are most interested
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and begin filling it out <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your parents to save their year-end payroll stub for financial aid eligibility reviews by the school <input type="checkbox"/> File your last college applications <input type="checkbox"/> Submit official high school transcripts and test scores 	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after January 1st as possible <input type="checkbox"/> Don't fall prey to "Senioritis"! <input type="checkbox"/> Colleges will ask for your grades from the second semester and can refuse admission if these grades are not acceptable 	February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail your FAFSA or complete the online application if you have not already done so <input type="checkbox"/> Men 18 years and over must register for the Selective Service in order to receive federal financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams and write down these dates <input type="checkbox"/> Keep copies of all forms submitted <input type="checkbox"/> Check status of mid-year transcripts 	March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail <input type="checkbox"/> Submit SAR and tax forms to the financial aid office <input type="checkbox"/> If you have not received your Student Aid Report four weeks after sending in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center <input type="checkbox"/> Be on the lookout for scholarship award letters
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Watch the mail for college acceptance letters and financial aid award letters <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluate your options and make your final college selection <input type="checkbox"/> Send in your deposit to the college <input type="checkbox"/> Notify the other schools that you will not be attending <input type="checkbox"/> Watch for important deadlines at your chosen college (housing, financial aid, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Consider summer job opportunities 	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review financial aid information; decline offers from the schools you are not attending <input type="checkbox"/> Clear senior obligations with the guidance counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Notify counselor of any awards and scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Send out graduation announcements to family and friends <input type="checkbox"/> Begin studying for final exams <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize summer job plans 	June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation! <input type="checkbox"/> Write thank you notes for any scholarships you received or for any graduation gifts 	July/August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Check the mail for packets from the college regarding registration for classes, campus events, and Freshmen Orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Buy the things you need for college gradually over the summer; avoid last minute, expensive buying decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Pack for college <input type="checkbox"/> Do not miss your Freshmen Orientation dates <input type="checkbox"/> Begin your first semester of college