

Senior Year Timeline

- Continue your school and community involvement and keep up your grades. Colleges look for well-rounded students who are involved.
- Enroll in college prep classes. Some colleges frown at a schedule of classes that are “too easy”.
- Re-take ACT/SAT exams if you think it’s necessary. Visit test sites for more information: [ACT](#), [ETS](#), or [SAT](#).
- Keep/organize ALL correspondence related to applications and financial aid.
- If you are an athlete and plan on participating in college athletics, you should be registered with the NCAA and contact the coaches at the school you plan to attend.
- Know what the deadlines are for college applications, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Use the Web Resources page, as well as the specific college of choice, to research all scholarships and financial aid that is available.
- Prepare letters of recommendation (many schools ask for 2-3). A helpful form for you to provide to your teachers, counselor, or whoever you ask, can be found on The College Application Process page, under Related Files as the Student Recommendation Form. Fill that out completely before giving it to the person you have asked for a recommendation.
- Some colleges request that your ACT or SAT scores be sent directly from the testing center so you will [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) and create your own account.
- It is most efficient if you sign up at [Parchment](#) so your transcripts can be sent electronically to your schools of choice.
- Apply for admission to the schools in which you are most interested. Again, there are more specific tips on the [College Application Process page](#).
- Complete the [FAFSA](#) application. This process begins during January of your senior year, so you/your parents’ IRS tax returns need to be completed as soon as possible.
- Research, research, research and then narrow your results to the school of choice! Research means visiting the college websites that you are thinking about and comparing the types of classes they require for you to earn a degree. Compare costs! Ask for the opinions of others before making your final decision.