

**Old Rochester Regional High School**  
**Guidance Office**  
**SENIOR YEAR “TO DO” LIST:**

- If you plan on taking the SAT, suggested dates are August, October, or November. (While many schools continue to be test-optional, confirm test policy for specific majors.) Students register online at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register). Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch may see their counselor for a fee waiver.
- Follow up with teachers RE: letters of recommendation (they may need a gentle reminder!). Let them know your due dates and revise the dates in Naviance, if appropriate.
- Start your essay early! The teachers in the English Dept are here to help.
- Begin finalizing your college list. Students should apply to 6-8 colleges, including a “likely” school, a “reach” school, and several “possible” schools.
- Make an appointment to meet with your counselor to update them on your plans.
- Complete Naviance activities (Senior Questionnaire, update resume, revise list under “Colleges I am Applying To”).
- Create a Common Application account and begin your application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)).
- Match your Common Application to Naviance. In order to do so you must complete the FERPA form on the Common App.
- Pay attention to college application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines.
- Know the difference between Early Action, Early Decision, Regular, and Rolling deadlines
- Turn in yellow College Application Checklist sheets to your counselor **at least 10 full school days** before submitting the application(s).
- Financial Aid Night will be held in the Fall (Date TBD and shared on guidance newsletter.)
- CSS Financial Aid PROFILE information is available on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Many private colleges require students to complete this additional financial aid worksheet. Pay attention to your colleges!! This can be done in early October of senior year.
- Complete FAFSA Form for financial aid Fall of senior year. Forms are available on-line only at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.
- If you are a student athlete planning to participate in DI, DII or DIII sports at the collegiate level you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.ncaa.com](http://www.ncaa.com).
- Begin researching/applying for scholarships - the guidance website is a great place to start! March - May are the busiest times for scholarship opportunities.
- Bring in copies of college decision letters and scholarship awards to guidance!