Senior Year	SHS School Counseling College/Career Readiness Calendar
September Tip Stay organized and proactive. Finalize recommendations, begin your applications, and check in regularly with your school counselor.	• If you haven't already, request 2–3 letters of recommendation from recent teachers, ideally from junior year. Provide them with your updated resume. • If enrolled in a UConn ECE course, register with UConn to be eligible for credit. See your school counselor for help with the process. • Start or complete your Common Application, using your personal email address to create your account. • Attend the Grade 12 College and Future Planning Assembly to review the college application process and available resources. • Review the Senior Planning Presentation and slides, and prepare questions for your school counselor. • Participate in Advisory lessons focused on financial and post-secondary planning. • Check Naviance regularly for scholarship opportunities and important updates. • Meet with your school counselor to discuss your plans, ask questions, and stay on track.
October/November Tip Track all application and transcript request deadlines carefully. Build in extra time and communicate early with your school counselor to avoid last-minute stress.	• Attend College Financial Aid Night to learn how to pay for college. This virtual event is open to students and families in grades 9–12. • Visit your school counselor in the LMC during Wildcat for Common Application support. • Participate in the College Fair at SHS to connect with admissions representatives and explore options. • Attend FAFSA Registration Day to get support with completing your FAFSA. • Meet regularly with your school counselor to stay on track and review the application process. • Use the Senior Information Slides and Senior Planning Presentation to guide your post-secondary planning. • Check Naviance frequently for scholarship opportunities. • If you plan to play Division I or II college sports, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. • Create an account at NCAA.org • Complete your registration and get your NCAA ID • Submit a Transcript Request Form and notify the counseling office to upload your transcript to the NCAA portal • Complete and submit your Common Application. Be aware of all deadlines including Regular Decision, Early Action, and Early Decision. • Fill out a Transcript Request Form once you have applied to your colleges. Allow at least two weeks for processing by the School Counseling Department. • Confirm whether your colleges require Quarter 1 grades. If so, submit a Quarter 1 Grade Request Form.
October/November Tip The SAT and ACT include a limited number of free score reports; usually up to four. After that, you'll need to pay a fee for each additional score send.	Sending SAT/ACT Scores **Test-Optional Schools** • You choose whether to send your scores. • Scores will be considered if submitted, but not submitting them won't count against you. • Always check each college's testing policy for recommendations or exceptions. **Test-Required Schools** • You must send official SAT or ACT scores directly from the testing agency. • Most colleges accept either SAT or ACT - choose the one that highlights your strengths. • Consider taking both tests to see which one you perform better on.
December Tip	• Schedule a meeting with your school counselor to explore scholarships and learn how to search effectively on Naviance.

tart applying for scholarships early and make sure your FAFSA and any required financial aid documents are submitted on time. Missing a deadline can mean missing out on money.	• Continue working on your financial aid applications, including the FAFSA and any required CSS Profile forms. Check each college's financial aid deadlines and requirements.
January Tip Stay organized by tracking deposit deadlines and housing applications to secure your spot for next year.	• Check in with your school counselor to review accepted college options and next steps like deposits and housing. • Make sure all college applications are submitted and follow up on any outstanding materials. • Continue exploring scholarship opportunities and complete applications. • Stay on top of financial aid paperwork and submit any additional required documents. • Keep your resume updated for scholarship applications or job opportunities.
February	• Confirm your college enrollment decision and submit any required deposits. • Submit any remaining scholarship applications and financial aid documents. • Schedule meetings with your school counselor to discuss graduation requirements and post-secondary plans. • Begin preparing for AP exams or final assessments to finish strong academically.
March/April Tip Use this time to double check all paperwork and stay proactive.	• Review and compare financial aid award letters to make informed college decisions • Continue visiting campuses if possible to confirm your final choice • Keep up momentum with AP exams and senior projects to finish on a high note
May Tip Confirming your college choice on time is essential to secure your spot and avoid losing financial aid or housing opportunities. Stay organized and meet all deadlines!	• Make your final college decision and confirm your enrollment by the deadline. • Submit any required enrollment deposits and paperwork to secure your spot. • Complete and submit any remaining scholarship applications or financial aid forms. • Continue preparing for AP exams and finalize all academic responsibilities to finish strong. • Attend senior events
June	• Schedule an appointment with your School Counselor to complete the Graduation Survey in Naviance