To Do List - Senior Year

- Study and Read! Do your best work. Your courses and grades in the two senior semesters are vitally important for college acceptance! Colleges will see your final semester grades even after you have been accepted. All acceptances are PROVISIONAL, depending upon successful completion of your senior year. Senior year can make or break admissions decisions.
- Always check the Counseling Office Webpage and Maia for up-to-the-minute news (Test Dates, Visitation Programs, Scholarship and Financial Aid info, etc.).
- Draft Registration: Each male must register within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Failure to register is a felony. Register at www.sss.gov or at the Post Office. You will not be eligible for financial aid if you do not register.
- Athletes, be sure to register online with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org, if you have not yet done so.

September

- Encourage your parents/guardians to attend the Senior Parent Meeting on August 27, 6:30 in the USCHS Theater.
- Submit a "Consent to Send Electronic Transcript" form. The form can be found on the counseling website under "Resources". Submit the form to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. We cannot send transcripts without this release.
- Complete your Maia Graduation Requirements, Student Profile, and update your resume. You can find the links to these tasks on the Dashboard of the Maia homepage under "Surveys" and "Overdue"
- Research your prospective colleges to determine if SAT/ACT scores are necessary. If you have scores you want to send, you must do this yourself via the College Board or ACT websites.
- The SAT and ACT are given in September at other schools in the area.
- Request and begin preparing your applications; be aware of all DEADLINES!
- Meet with college representatives visiting USCHS. Sign up in Maia under "Events".
- Take one more look at your schools by visiting again. Follow school policy by completing a Pre-Approved Educational Trip Form, available on the Counseling website or in the Attendance Office.
- Speak to your teachers who agreed to write you letters of recommendation last spring and either confirm that you still need their letter and what the deadlines are. If you no longer need their letter, please let them know ASAP. Officially request those letters via Maia in the Universities tab under "Recommendations"
- Begin investigating scholarship opportunities and financial aid options.
- Match your Maia account to your Common App account AND your STARS account if you have those.
- Make a decision about waiving or not waiving your FERPA rights in the Common App.
- Add all colleges to which you will be applying to Maia, using the "Applying" tab in the Universities section. That is how your counselor is prompted to send your transcript and supporting documents to your colleges.
- Participate in the *virtual* Financial Aid Night on September 29, hosted by South Fayette High School.

- Apply to colleges that offer rolling admissions–the sooner, the better!

October

- The SAT exam will be administered at USCHS on October 3. The ACT will be given at other schools in the area.
- Attend the South Hills College & Career Fair on Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 pm at Bethel Park High School.
- Attend College Panelist Event on October 7, 6:15-9:00 pm at USCHS.
- Attend FAFSA Completion Night on October 15, 6:00, LGI registration is required.
- If applying to a school EARLY DECISION/ACTION, be sure to meet any October Deadlines.
- Keep your Maia account updated. Make sure to add the colleges you are applying to and request transcripts to be sent. Follow the outlined procedures to prevent errors. Give the counseling department at least 10 DAYS to send your transcripts!

November

- Attend South Hills Career and Trade Expo on November 6 at Peters Twp. High School
- Be sure your first-quarter grades are strong. Continue to maintain superior academic standards.
- If applying to a school EARLY DECISION/ACTION, be sure to meet any November Deadlines.

December

- Enjoy the Winter Break if you have completed your applications. If not, use this time to prepare applications with January deadlines.
- Make sure you have submitted all Jan. 1st deadline applications and supporting documents. Add those colleges to Maia in early December so that counselors can send supporting documents before the winter break.

January

- Keep working on your grades! Courses and performance continue to count throughout the senior year.
- January is the deadline for MANY applications. It is your responsibility to meet deadlines!
- At the end of the semester, your mid-year transcript will *automatically* be sent to EVERY school to which you have added in your Maia account; you need not request this.
- Update your resume in Maia! Counselors may review your resume to determine eligibility for scholarships.

February and March

- Continue to inquire and apply for scholarships. Many of these can be found in Maia or on the USCHS Counseling webpage under “Scholarships”.
- Wait for letters of notification from your schools.

April

- By the end of April, you should have been notified by all of your schools regarding admission decisions and any offers for financial aid (scholarships from the school, grants, etc.). It is decision time for you. Notify the school you plan to attend by May 1. Write, call, or e-mail the other schools to decline their acceptance offer so that these schools may now offer your spot to others.
- Complete the necessary paperwork for tuition and housing deposits, confirming your acceptance of the offer of admission.

May and June

- Take the AP and/or IB Exams, if appropriate.
- Complete the Senior Questionnaire via your Maia account.
- Your final transcript will automatically be sent to the institution you have selected as "Attending" through your Senior Questionnaire in Maia; you need not request this. If, however, your school has given you a specific form to accompany the transcript, it is your responsibility to see that this form is delivered to the Counseling Department.
- YOU DID IT! CONGRATULATIONS! Enjoy Commencement activities!
- Take a moment to thank those educators who were most helpful to you throughout your high school years and say goodbye.

July and August

- Look for specific info from your school regarding housing, roommates, orientation, course selection, etc. READ EVERYTHING! Turn in all forms and deposits A.S.A.P.—housing preferences are usually first-come, first-served!