SENIOR YEAR PLANNING CHECKLIST

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Senior Resources

- CHS Counseling Canvas Course
- College Application Bootcamp Canvas Course
- Xello
- CHS College & Career Resource Center (CCRC)

Fall Senior Events

- SSRT College App & Essay Help Sessions (SSRT Aug-Nov)
- Hamilton County College Fair @ Hamilton Southeastern High School (September 10)
- Jr/Sr College & Career Planning Night (September 23)
- Financial Aid Night (October27)
- Business Majors & Careers Fair (November 17)

Graduation Planning

- Senior meetings with counselors (Sept-Oct) - review diploma requirements and discuss future plans.
- **Senior Pictures**: Must be scheduled with Prestige Portraits/Lifetouch by **October 17th**
- Grad Announcements and Cap & Gown presentation during SSRT (October)
- Graduation Announcement Delivery & Cap/Gown pick up (April)
- Report scholarship awards for recognition at graduation (May)
- Commencement - May 27, 2027 at Corteva Coliseum

Fall Semester

- **Check your personal email REGULARLY!**
- **Use the College Application Boot Camp Canvas course and the Counseling Canvas course to navigate the college application process.**
- Retake SAT or ACT if desired & submit scores to colleges if required
- Update your resume
- Complete Counselor Recommendation Survey in Xello by Sept 15, if a counselor rec is needed
- Request teacher recommendations and complete Teacher Recommendation Form found in Xello if teacher recommendations are needed
- Sign-up for College Application & Essay Help Sessions and College Rep Visits during SSRT
- Take advantage of free applications during Indiana College Go Week (Sept 21-25)!
- Apply to colleges by stated deadlines (November 1, December 1, and January 1 are popular deadlines)
- Request all school materials for college apps at least two weeks in advance (12/4 for deadlines over Winter Break)

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- Paying for College Information: INvested Indiana www.investedindiana.org
- College Admissions Reps
- College Financial Aid Offices

Spring Senior Events

- FAFSA Completion Workshop (January 21)
- After the FAFSA: Finalizing Financial Aid Presentation (March 18)
- Skilled Trades Majors & Careers Fair (April TBD @ Zionsville Community High School)
- STEM Majors & Careers Fair (March 30)
- CHS Community Scholarship Night (May 25)
- Commencement (May 27)

Spring Semester

- **Finish your senior year STRONG!** Maintain good attendance and study habits.
- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Indiana April 15th deadline; **NOTE:** some colleges require submission of the FAFSA earlier than the State deadline
- Search and apply for scholarships – late fall, early winter
- Attend CHS "After the FAFSA" Program (March 18) and Compare financial aid offers
- Finalize your college choice – National College Decision Day is May 1st
- Complete CHS Senior Survey (May)
- Save/Transfer items in our CCS Google Folder to your personal files for those files you wish to keep
- Request your final transcript in Xello for your college of choice (May)
- Check your email REGULARLY for information about college housing, scholarship opportunities, new student orientation and more from your college of choice
- Use the CHS High School to College Transition Checklist (available in early May)

Summer

- Send final transcript to your chosen college
- If participating in athletics in college, send final transcript to NCAA Clearinghouse or NAIA Clearinghouse
- Send dual credit transcripts and AP/IB exam scores to your chosen college (July)
- Participate in college orientation programs and take advantage of academic advising resources.
- Find summer work/internship
- Update your resume for college or work purposes