

<p><u>TESTING</u></p> <p><i>Register for the SAT Reasoning Test/ Subject Test and or ACT (if applicable)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CHECK DEADLINES for test dates at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org ✓ Apply online at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org ✓ Scores should be sent directly from ETS or ACT to college(s) ✓ SAT Reasoning Test contains Critical Reading, Math and Writing sections ✓ SAT Subject Tests: Check online for specific tests ✓ ACT contains English, Math, Reading, Science and Optional Writing sections ✓ Test Optional Schools- www.fairtest.org
<p><u>COLLEGE VISITS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Contact admissions offices and let them know you are coming
<p><u>INTERVIEWS</u></p> <p><i>Schedule when offered</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ If an interview is required by the college, or if you think it will help you, please see your guidance counselor to discuss how to be prepared for an interview ✓ In most instances, a good interview will not overcome a poor academic record, nor will a poor interview negate a good academic record
<p><u>APPLICATIONS</u></p> <p><i>Obtain and Complete College Applications Online</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pay attention to Deadlines ✓ Early Action vs. Early Decision ✓ Have parent/guardian or counselor review rough draft ✓ Proof read before submitting application
<p><u>APPLICATION ESSAY</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Start over the summer ✓ Have English teacher edit essay(s) ✓ Type revised essay(s) ✓ Proof Read before submitting application
<p><u>STUDENT ATHLETES</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Submit NCAA Clearinghouse form for Division I and II athletic eligibility (online www.ncaa.org) ✓ See your guidance counselor ASAP.
<p><u>APPROVE TRANSCRIPTS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transcripts will be mailed home over the summer. ✓ Correct (if necessary)and Return Transcript: BE SURE TO CHECK IT CAREFULLY ✓ VERY IMPORTANT: TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS must be completed at least THREE (3) WEEKS BEFORE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE. ✓ BE AWARE OF DEADLINES!!

<p><u>TRANSCRIPT PROCESSING FEE</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ For all transcripts that cannot be sent through Naviance and need to be sent through the mail (see Naviance handout for further information), a \$3.00 processing is required to cover the cost of postage, envelopes, etc. This fee covers the initial application, midyear report and final report. ✓ This fee can be paid in bulk after the application process is complete but must be received by graduation.
<p><u>THE COMMON APPLICATION & PRIORITY APPLICATIONS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Most colleges on the common application (www.commonapp.org) only accept the common applications. Others give you the option between the common app or their own application. ✓ If schools give you this option, always choose to use the common app. ✓ Some schools send students priority applications waiving the application fee. Students who receive these priority applications should still use the common application.(See you counselor case)
<p><u>FINANCIAL AID</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All students MUST fill out Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid ✓ Some scholarships, grants and merit aid are linked to the information you provide on this application ✓ Apply for the FAFSSA form at www.fafsa.ed.gov The FAFSA cannot be submitted before January 1st of the student's senior year. ✓ Some schools also require students to complete the CSS/Financial Aid Profile form to apply for financial aid ✓ Apply for the CSS/Financial Aid Profile at www.collegeboard.org
<p><u>SCHOLARSHIPS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ www.fastweb.com and www.scholarship.com ✓ Check the monthly bulletin on the guidance website for national scholarship updates. ✓ Check the guidance website for local scholarships. ✓ They are available in the spring

<p><u>MID-YEAR GRADES & FINAL SENIOR TRANSCRIPT</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Will automatically be sent to your school(s).
<p><u>ADMISSIONS DECISIONS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inform your Guidance Counselor of acceptance/denial notification and update Naviance!
<p><u>FINAL COLLEGE DECISION</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Once you have decided, please notify the college of your intention to attend ✓ Watch your DEADLINES and request for deposits for admission. Most colleges have a May 1st deadline for deposits. Don't forget your housing deposits! ✓ Notify all other colleges of your decision (the acceptance of wait listed students is based on the number of students choosing to attend that college)
<p><u>SENIORITIS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be aware of senioritis! ✓ There have been cases in which acceptances to college have been withdrawn because a student does not successfully fulfill his/her academic obligations in the senior year.