

SENIOR YEAR HS



STAYING ON TRACK TO GRADUATION- MONTHLY GUIDE FOR SENIORS

JANUARY

Register for the spring SAT/ACT

FEBRUARY

Meet with a counselor to plan senior classes

MARCH

Prep for SAT/ACT

APRIL/MAY

- Take SAT/ACT
- Take AP tests
- Prepare for a summer job or internship

APRIL/MAY

- Prepare for a summer job or internship
- Chart college application deadlines on your calendar
- Start thinking about your college application essay topics

JUNE

- Visit colleges/universities.
- Think about college application essay topics. Create an outline.
- Work on Brag Sheet.

JULY

- Visit colleges/universities.
- Think about college application essay topics. Create an outline.
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AUGUST

- Visit colleges/universities.
- Think about college application essay topics. Create an outline.
- Work on Brag Sheet.

SEPTEMBER

- Meet with a guidance counselor to check high school graduation requirements.
- Create a calendar of admission and financial aid deadlines.
- Register for test dates if you plan to retake the SAT or ACT.

SEPTEMBER

- Request teacher recommendations and send brag sheets.
- Begin draft of application essay.
- Begin working on application resume.

OCTOBER

- Complete financial aid forms.
- Polish college application essay.
- Finalize list of schools.

NOVEMBER

- Apply early. Prepare to submit applications in advance of deadlines.
- Clean up social media accounts.
- Apply for scholarships for high school seniors.

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DECEMBER

- Follow up with teachers and counselors regarding recommendations.
- Send test scores and transcripts to colleges.
- Submit all college applications before winter break.

DECEMBER

- Confirm all schools have received transcripts, test scores, recommendations, and financial aid forms.
- Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines.

JANUARY

Continue to apply for scholarships.

FEBRUARY

Continue to apply for scholarships.

MARCH

- Start searching for a job or internship for the summer.
- Think about graduation party ideas.
- Order graduation announcements/ invitations.
- Order cap and gown.

APRIL

- Choose colleges.
- Mail graduation announcements and/or graduation party invitations.

MAY

- Write Thank-you notes for recommendations.
- Write thank you notes as graduation gifts arrive.
- Research housing options for the fall.