

JUNIOR/SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

Spring of Junior Year

- ✓ Begin college visits and request tours
- ✓ Take the ACT and/or SAT
- ✓ Begin asking for recommendation letters
- ✓ Make a list of possible colleges and keep track of admission requirements and deadlines for Fall '21 admissions
- ✓ Create activities and honors and awards resume for grades 9-11

July

- ✓ Begin working on college essays
- ✓ Visit colleges
- ✓ Athletes: Create account for NCAA and request that an official transcript be sent to NCAA if applicable
- ✓ Fall '22 college application available in Apply Texas on July 1st!
- ✓ Create list to keep track of college application login's – you will have many usernames and passwords to remember!

August

- ✓ Start on college applications that use the *Common Application* (Opens July 1st!)
- ✓ Register for ACT/SAT if needed
- ✓ Continue visiting colleges and taking official tours

September

- ✓ Register for the ACT/SAT if needed
- ✓ Gather your recommendation letters
- ✓ Have essays corrected/critiqued
- ✓ Continue working on college applications
- ✓ Be on the lookout for college days/nights

October

- ✓ *Financial Aid starts NOW!* Begin filling out the FAFSA
- ✓ Register and/or take the ACT/SAT again if needed
- ✓ Keep your grades up!
- ✓ Finalize your essays
- ✓ Update and finalize your resumes
- ✓ Update your list of potential colleges including deadlines

November

- ✓ Finish/submit your college applications!
- ✓ Request transcripts from Mrs. Weaver in the counseling center or online (remember, we are closed the week of Thanksgiving!)
- ✓ Send official test scores from ACT and/or SAT to your colleges
- ✓ Fill out financial aid forms for your colleges if available
- ✓ Check to be sure all your recommendations went through
- ✓ Keep your grades up!
- ✓ Register and/or take the ACT/SAT again if needed (only if school has later deadline)

December

- ✓ Double-check on application due dates (Many applications are due December 1st!)
- ✓ Finish/submit your college applications
- ✓ Request transcripts from Mrs. Weaver in the counseling center or online
- ✓ Send official test scores from ACT or SAT to your colleges
- ✓ Fill out financial aid forms for your colleges if available
- ✓ Keep your grades up and finish the semester strong!
- ✓ Begin researching scholarships
- ✓ Turn in your volunteer hours to the counseling center

January

- ✓ Start applying for scholarships
- ✓ Set a reminder on your phone to check scholarship sites for updates periodically
- ✓ Keep checking on your admission status via college websites
- ✓ Remind your parents to get a jump on their 2021 taxes

February

- ✓ Keep a copy of your parent's taxes for quick reference
- ✓ Continue filling out scholarship applications
- ✓ Send your mid-year report/transcript to colleges that require it
- ✓ Send official transcript to NCAA (if applicable)
- ✓ Keep checking admissions website, email and mailbox for decisions
- ✓ Turn in volunteer hours to the counseling center

March

- ✓ Register for AP exams (if applicable)
- ✓ Bring in your college acceptance letters to the counseling center
- ✓ Bring in any scholarship offers to the counseling center
- ✓ Turn in volunteer hours to the counseling center

April

- ✓ Check admissions decisions
- ✓ Accept a college offer of admission
- ✓ Schedule orientation at that college
- ✓ Pay your deposit
- ✓ Verify financial aid offer with college
- ✓ Keep filling out scholarship applications
- ✓ Turn in volunteer hours to the counseling center

May

- ✓ Turn in volunteer hours to the counseling center by May 1st!!!!
- ✓ Request final transcript be sent to your college of choice
- ✓ Notify colleges that you are not attending of your decision
- ✓ Turn in scholarship awards to counseling office
- ✓ GRADUATE!!

