



SENIOR CALENDAR

<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get a file "bin" and set up a file for each target school. - Attend all high school college-related meetings. - Meet with counselor and ask questions. - Identify all the application deadlines for your schools and fill out checklist. - Get your school's CEEB code and have it handy along with your SS#. - Finalize your resume. - Prep for final SAT/ACT testing and register. - Ask teachers for letters of recommendation if your colleges want them. - Request interviews at privates whenever they are available. - Get a good senior picture, formal or informal. - Print practice apps for all your schools even if you will be doing them on-line. - Review your Handbook carefully. 	<p>OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Obtain FAFSA forms - you can file in October using last year's tax return; - Take SAT/ACT as needed (register for Nov/Dec). - Work on applications. - See if college applications are on the internet yet <i>(be sure they are for the right admission term)</i> If so, download & print them for practice and/or get the essays. - Think about essay topics. Brainstorm. - Keep grades up – senior grades count! - Are you taking the SAT again? - Did you obtain all letters of recommendation needed? - Decide about applying early decision – you can only do one! - If you're an athlete, talk to coach(es). - Polish your resume for the last time! - Are any of your target schools visiting your high school? 	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend any workshops/ meetings offered by your high school. - think about financial aid needs. - Work on essays and applications. <i>(many early applications are due in November!)</i> - Watch deadlines! - Don't procrastinate with your apps! The earlier the better. - Want to take the SAT one more time? - Have your high school send transcripts to colleges that want them. - Send thank you notes to anyone who helped you (letters of recommendation etc). - Be sure your SAT/ACT scores have been sent to all your colleges after your last test. Send AP scores as well if they are strong. 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is likely your last chance at the standardized tests – use it if you need it. - Study Hard! You can't afford to let your grades slip. <i>(first semester grades may be used in decisions)</i> - Be sure to report your test scores to all your colleges. - Use the internet to research scholarships. - Finish any remaining applications! Proof them over and over. - Have others read your essays to be sure they are captivating and demonstrate something unique about you. - Send your final resume, picture and cover letter to your private schools. - Think about financial aid needs and familiarize yourself with the forms. - Keep copies of everything you send. - If accepted Early Decision, inform other schools. 	<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The last of the applications should be due this month for Fall admission. - Are your test scores sent? - Transcripts sent as required? - Letters of recommendation in? - Be sure your FAFSA is filed; - Consider using CSS/PROFILE for aid if your college(s) take it. (College Board website) - You may need a GPA verification form for some state grants. (research this). - Attend financial aid workshops at your school or elsewhere. - Research private scholarships via internet.
<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finish financial aid forms. Timing matters! Being late can literally cost you. - Tell your parents you will need their 1040 tax information <i>(as current as possible, last years at least)</i> - You can estimate the financial aid you will receive. - Have school send updated transcripts or midyear reports if needed. - Pay attention to correspondence from colleges. - Keep your grades up! Offers can be rescinded! 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAFSA form due <i>(Review the SAR you will receive to be sure it is using the right data)</i> - Register for AP tests. - Wait for acceptance letters! <i>(Pay attention to housing forms in acceptance letters. There may be deadlines and preference options)</i> - Consider appealing a rejection. <i>(if it was your first choice and you have some reason for them to reconsider you)</i> - Notify your counselor when you receive college decisions and write waitlist letters if appropriate. 	<p>APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Congrats on all your acceptances! You must generally select a school by May 1. - Final campus visits if needed to help make your decision. - Talk to people who can help you decide: alumni, older friends who are there, parents, and your counselor. - Prepare for AP tests and finals. - Review and discuss financial aid offers as part of your decision making process. These can be appealed also. 	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Most of your schools must be notified by May 1 with an SIR form. - Plan summer employment. - Pay attention to housing and meal plan information contained in your acceptance letter(s). - Inform the schools you will NOT be attending as well. - If needed, research loans (PLUS, Stafford etc) to make up for any financial gap after aid results are known. - Study for finals and APs! (use prep books?) 	<p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Order final transcript and anything else to be sent to your college. - Consider computer needs for next Fall <i>(notebooks, wireless connections, etc)</i> - Attend all orientations at your college. - Do some extra research on your college to think about what activities you will pursue. - Respond to any financial aid offers you received. - Keep READING! - Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you!