

# SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR

## AUGUST

- Explore the websites of the colleges that interest you to learn about admission and scholarship requirements.
- Make sure you have all applications required for college admission and financial aid. Know where to find applications on the schools' website. Does the school use The Common Application?
- Check on application and financial aid deadlines for the school to which you plan to apply. They may vary and it is essential to meet all deadlines!!! CREATE A CALENDAR OF YOUR DEADLINES!!!
- Your counselor will meet with you for your senior conference. You will review your college list, transcript, activities, etc.
- If the colleges require recommendations, ask the appropriate people to write on your behalf. Ask your recommenders AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE DUE DATE for letters of recommendation. Provide each recommender with a copy of your resume and any other information they may need. Be thoughtful! Write thank-you note to those who write recommendations and keep them informed of your decisions.
- Plan visit to colleges and set up interviews (if you didn't visit in the summer or want to return to campus for a second time). Read bulletin boards and the college newspaper. Talk with current students and professors.
- If needed or desired, register for the September/October SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests, or September/October ACT. Include CHS's CEEB code: 150500 when you register. Have official test scores sent by the testing agency to colleges.
- Transcripts will be sent through eDocs in Naviance. Make sure your Naviance account is linked with your Common App!

## OCTOBER

- Put the final touches on your application essays, and get feedback on your essays from counselors and/or teachers.
- Complete your applications in their entirety. Pay special attention to the deadlines. Many colleges (INDIANA UNIVERISTY & PURDUE UNIVERSITY) have a NOVEMBER 1 priority deadline. You must have a COMPLETE application submitted by this date to be considered for merit scholarships.
- If applying for early decision or early action, submit your application now. Also prepare applications for back-up schools. Remember, if you are accepted under EARLY DECISION, you must enroll in that school and withdraw all other applications. Submit financial aid information if requested from early decision candidates.
- Research financial aid and scholarships. Do your parents' places of employment offer college scholarships for employee children?
- Attend CHS Financial Aid Night. We will have a speaker who will explain FAFSA.
- Get your college essay finalized. Get feedback on your writing from a guidance counselor and a teacher.
- Request your high school transcript and scores. Make sure they are accurate.

- Keep track of ALL application components and deadlines: applications, test scores, letters of recommendation, and financial aid materials. An incomplete application will ruin your chances for admission. You can check progress of online applications by logging into your account on each site.

## NOVEMBER

- Register for the December SAT or ACT if appropriate
- Take the November SAT if appropriate.
- Make sure you've submitted all components of your applications if you are applying to colleges with November early decision deadlines or preferred application.
- Do not take rolling admission applications for granted. (Some colleges do not have application deadlines; they admit students on a continuous basis.) These schools may reach their maximum class size quickly-the earlier you apply, the more availability there may be.
- Keep all records, test scores, and copies of your applications for admission and financial aid. Do not throw anything away until at least the end of your first year in college. Having detailed records will save you time and effort should anything be lost or should you decide to apply in the future to other colleges and scholarship programs.

## DECEMBER

- Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list if you have not already done so.
- If you applied for early decision, you should have an admission decision. If you are accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students. If the decision is deferred until spring or you are denied, meet with your counselor to discuss a revised plan. Submit applications to other colleges if you haven't already done so.

## JANUARY

- Keep working on your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout senior year.
- Parents and students, complete your income tax forms as soon as possible. You will need those figures to fill out the FAFSA. (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Complete and return your FAFSA as quickly as possible after January 1. The State of Indiana FAFSA deadline for submission is March 10. Colleges might have other deadlines. Make sure you check!
- Males must register with the Selective Service (draft) at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). If you do not register, your FAFSA will not be processed!

## FEBRUARY

- Remember to monitor your college accounts to make sure all your application materials have been received and are complete. Most colleges will send emails if you are missing information.
- If your first choice college places you on their waiting list, don't lose hope. Some students are admitted off the waiting list. Talk with your counselor, and contact the college to let them know you are still very interested. Keep the college updated on your grades, new test scores and activities.
- After you complete a FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) after submitting the FAFSA. Review the SAR carefully and check for any inaccuracies.

- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarship than you think, so apply for as many as you can. Many local organizations house their scholarship applications in the Career Center. Come check them out!!!!

## **MARCH/APRIL**

- Stay focused and keep studying – only a couple of more months to go!
- Review you college acceptances and financial aid awards. Be sure to compare financial aid packages in your decision-making process. If you are positive you will not enroll at one or more of the colleges which accepted your, please notify those college that you have selected another college. Keeping colleges abreast of your plans might enable those colleges to admit someone else. If you know which college you will attend, send your tuition deposit and follow all other instructions for admitted students. To take full advantage of grant, scholarship, and financial aid opportunities, you must decide which offer of admission to accept by May 1.

## **MAY**

- By May 1, decide on the one college you will attend. By May 1, submit your tuition deposit to the college you will attend. Notify the other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college.
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, if appropriate, and request your AP scores be sent to the college you will attend.
- BE PROUD – you have completed a difficult task.

## **JUNE**

- Request your final transcript to the college you will attend. Request through your Parchment.com account.
- Notify the college of any private scholarship or grants you will be receiving.
- Know when the payment for tuition, room and board, etc. is due. If necessary, ask the Financial Aid Office about a possible payment plan that will allow for you to pay in installments.
- CONGRATULATIONS!!! You've made it through high school! Enjoy your graduation and look forward to college.