

# **COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR**

## **Junior Year**

### **January – March**

- Register for the SAT/ACT exams
- Establish and evaluate your personal college requirements (tuition, location, major, etc) and discuss with parents

### **March – May**

- Make an appointment to meet with your school counselor for college counseling
- Complete Collegeboard.com search
- Email colleges for catalogs, view books and other information
- Make a list of colleges you plan to visit. Spring vacation is a good time because most classes are in session.
- Students wishing to attend any of the military academies should contact Senators and Congressmen and obtain an application from the academies involved.
- Contact prospective coaches to discuss athletics.

### **June**

- Visit schools on your list. Try to narrow the list to 5-7 colleges to which you will apply. Obtain all applications and gather pertinent information on which you will base your final choice.
- Complete application essay.

### **July – August**

- Submit NCAA Clearinghouse form if you intend to participate in college athletics. <http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/ncaa/NCAA/common/index.html>

## **Senior Year**

### **September**

- Senior interview with school counselor. Discuss the application process, deadlines, and secure letters of recommendation from teachers and counselor.
- Register for SAT/ACT exams
- Athletes must complete NCAA Clearinghouse form online
- Review requirements for essays and personal statements
- Finalize essays and personal statements
- Select final college choices
- Approach teachers to write letters of recommendations (two are enough)
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible

## **October**

- Complete applications for first choice colleges
- Schedule college interviews where appropriate
- Complete CSS Profile (if required by the college..this is the first level of financial aid) <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible
- Make an appointment with your school counselor to mail your applications. Have the following prepared: the application, essay, senior information packet, teacher recommendations, and a check. Your counselor will provide the official transcript, the school profile, and the counselor recommendation.

## **November – December**

- All applications should be submitted to your counselor by December 10 (remember Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks)
- All interviews should be scheduled (if applicable)
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible

## **January – February**

- File for FAFSA after January 1<sup>st</sup> <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Mid-year grades are forwarded to all colleges to which you have applied
- Advise school counselor of acceptances and non-acceptances as they become available
- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible

## **March**

- Review scholarship information for which you might be eligible

## **April**

- Inform school counselor of acceptances, non-acceptances, withdrawals and wait lists

## **May – June**

- Maintain your academic grades. Colleges look unfavorably upon grades that drop in senior year.
- Final grades will be sent to the college you plan to attend

***HAPPY GRADUATION!!!***