

# SENIOR YEAR

## College Prep Checklist

### August

- Build your college list.** Include safety, target and reach schools
- Start your application essays**
- Register and study for the ACT exam.** If you are planning on taking them again this fall or winter

### September

- Create a spreadsheet** to track application deadlines and requirements
- Finalize the list of colleges** you are planning on sending applications to
- Tour Schools you are considering applying to** in person or virtually
- Fill out college/university applications** and finalize your resume and college essays
- Ask for letters of recommendation** from teachers and mentors
- Prepare for the FAFSA** gather tax information, SSNs and federal school codes

### October

- Complete the FAFSA** as early as possible as some aid is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Review your SAR** (Student Aid Report) to make sure all information is correct
- Finish your application essays** and get them printed
- Continue working on applications** make sure you are hitting all deadlines
- Request transcripts** to the colleges on your list

### November

- Check the Scholarship Packet** in the counseling office and begin filling out applications
- Complete all college applications** if you have not done so already
- Submit early applications**
- Continue to monitor grades** and prepare for the end of trimester one

### December

- Continue checking the scholarship packet** in the counseling office and filling out applications
- Complete college applications** if you have not done so already
- Accept early admission and financial package**, if applicable

### January

- Continue checking the scholarship packet**, and filling out applications
- Make enrollment deposits for early admission**, if applicable
- Submit any outstanding applications**, this is the last deadline for most schools

### February/March

- Continue to challenge yourself academically**, ino senior slide!
- Continue to monitor grades**, and begin to study for your trimester finals
- Take needed placement tests for college**
- Make sure you have met scholarship deadlines**
- Check admissions status** if you have not yet heard
- Evaluate offers for admission** and compare financial aid packages
- Make sure FAFSA is filled out and submitted**
- Send appropriate deposits**, especially housing if admission has been granted

### April/May

- Make a final decision on college**, if it has not already been made
- Be sure to thoroughly read all correspondence from your selected college**, regarding orientation/registration
- Take AP tests** if appropriate
- Send thank you note to all of those who have helped with your admission process**, particularly those that wrote you a letter of recommendation
- Remember to stay focused on your studies!** College can take away admission

### June

- Make sure your final transcript is sent to your college.** Most final transcripts should be requested through Parchment