

# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

- AUGUST**
- ✧ **Determine the Type of College You are Looking For**
  - ✧ **Collect Information About Colleges**
    - ▲ College Fairs
    - ▲ Guidance Office
    - ▲ Parents
    - ▲ Friends
    - ▲ Teachers
    - ▲ Internet College Searches
- SEPTEMBER**
- ✧ **Make Arrangements for College Visits (2 weeks notice)**
  - ✧ **Register for College Exams**
    - ▲ Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT)
    - ▲ American College Testing Assessment (ACT)
    - ▲ Take SAT II if required by your college
  - ✧ **Visit College Campuses**
    - ▲ Talk to graduates and current student from the school.
    - ▲ Some schools require interviews (this is a perfect time to take care of them).
  - ✧ **Make Appointment with Counselor for Letter of Recommendation (if needed)**
- SEPT.-NOV.**
- ✧ **Applying to College**
    - ▲ Narrow college choices to 5 or 6 schools and complete applications.
    - ▲ Meet with guidance counselors to mail transcripts and answer questions.
    - ▲ Note admission deadlines; pay close attention to Early Action/Decision.
    - ▲ Meet with college representatives when they visit your school.
  - ✧ **Take or Retake College Entrance Exams**
    - ▲ SAT and/or ACT
    - ▲ Take SAT II if required by your college
  - ✧ **Begin Scholarship Search**
- DECEMBER**
- ✧ **Make Sure All Applications/Transcripts Are Sent to Colleges Before Holidays**
  - ✧ **Collect Information for Financial Aid Applications**
- JANUARY**
- ✧ **Financial Aid Forms Sent OR Completed Online (ASAP after January 1)**
    - ▲ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
    - ▲ College's own financial aid form
  - ✧ **Submit Mid-Year Reports for Private Colleges (if required)**
- FEBRUARY/MARCH**
- ✧ **Finalize Scholarship Applications**
- APRIL**
- ✧ **Final Decisions Should be Made AND All Colleges Notified of Decisions**
- MAY**
- ✧ **Tie Up Loose Ends**
    - ▲ Financial Aid/Scholarships
    - ▲ Housing
    - ▲ Entrance requirements
- JUNE-AUGUST**
- ✧ **Register for Classes**
    - ▲ Placement Tests (Math & Composition)
    - ▲ Schedules
    - ▲ Orientation

