

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

(Testing, Applications, Financial aid)

September-October-November

- September and October is the time to begin narrowing down the choices of colleges you wish to apply. Most **applications** can be downloaded from individual college web sites or submitted electronically.
- Register to take the **SAT I Reasoning Test** in October, November, December or the **ACT** in September, October, or December. Register online at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org
- If **SAT II Subject** tests are required for admissions or placement, be sure to register in advance.
- Be certain your **resume** is up-to-date. Include all of your junior year and summer activities.
- Write application **essays**, review final drafts with Mr. Teague or teacher.
- Ask for **recommendations**. Give each person your resume, a stamped and addressed envelope, and any required forms. If the recommendation is to be submitted online, let the person know in advance.
- Request for **transcripts** should be made in advance from the College Guidance Office. Please allow at least three or four days. Applications with January 1st deadlines must be requested by the end of the second week of December.
- Decide whether to apply **early action or early decision** and check the college for the deadline. Some deadlines may be as early as October.
- The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** may be submitted beginning October 1. Your parents should fill out the FAFSA in order to take advantage of any federally subsidized loan programs for which your family qualifies.

December-January-February

- Many **regular applications** are due in January and February. Keep copies of everything you send to colleges.
- Continue **scholarship searches** using the internet.

-Males who are 18 years of age or older must register with **Selective Service** to receive federal financial aid.

-Many **financial aid deadlines** fall in February. To get the most attractive award package, apply by the priority deadline.

March- April

-Continue scholarship searches.

-Maintain **good grades**. Colleges are interested in your course work during the senior year. All colleges reserve the right to cancel your acceptance if they feel you have slacked off.

-You should begin receiving **acceptance letters** and financial aid or **award letters** by mid-April if not before.

May

-Make your **final choice** by May 1. You must tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid.

-Select **housing plans** and send deposit by the deadline date.

-Ask for **final transcript** to be sent to your college