

SENIOR YEAR CHECK LIST

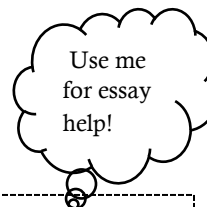
Early Application Deadlines		Regular Decision Deadlines					
October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May
Important Dates 1 st - FAFSA & CSS Profile go live 1 st - Drop MS grade form due 3 rd - Parent FAFSA Info night; 7pm 5 th - SAT testing Date 15 th - APS College Fair 16 th - Senior Seminar 26 th – ACT testing date	Important Dates 2 nd – SAT testing date	Important Dates 7 st - SAT testing date 2 nd – Transcript request due date for students with a deadline of January 1-10 (due to winter break) 14 th – ACT testing date	*Many Scholarships become available this month; check email regularly	*Scholarships *Mid-year Reports available to send to colleges; complete transcript request form *update application results in Naviance	13 th – Senior Experience Parent Permission form due *Scholarships *update application results in Naviance	*Scholarships *update application results in Naviance	15 th : Senior Experience mentor form due *College Decision Day Celebration *Before you leave for senior experience: Fill out final transcript request form & complete senior survey



**Saturday Application Help from 9am-12pm
in room 1030**

September 21st
 October 12th
 October 26th

November 23rd
 December 14th



English Writing Lab

5th period
 Room 2229
 Ms. Sanchez

Friday Lunch Application Help

Every Friday during October,
 November & December

Room 1030

*passes will not be given, may not
 come during class time

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Getting started:

- Turn-in BRAG sheet to your counselor if you did not do so at the end of junior year.
- Create an organization system for yourself (chart, app, notebook, etc.) that shows requirements, deadlines, fees, etc.
- Talk boundaries with your parent/guardian. Who is paying for school? If parents are contributing, how much? When/Where do you talk about college? (e.g. We only talk about college on Saturday mornings; college cannot be discussed in the living room, etc.)
- Work on college essays and have someone edit! WL offers English Writing Lunch Labs every day.
- Decide if you will apply early to schools (October-November) or regular decision (December-February).

In General:

- Compile a list of schools to apply to. 7-9 is a good number.
- Finish taking SATs, ACTs, or SAT subject tests. Do not forget to send your official scores to colleges requesting them.
- Ask teachers to write you a letter of rec. minimum 15 school days in advance. Do this in-person first, then request them on Naviance.
- Fill out transcript request forms (one per deadline, can have multiple schools listed). Turn these into your counselor a minimum 15 school days before the deadline (\$4 each, \$2 if you receive free/reduced lunch).

Money, Money, Money:

- Beginning October 1st, the FAFSA and CSS profile go live. It is best to complete these early so you do not miss deadlines. Not all schools require a CSS profile (mostly private schools). For FAFSA, do not forget to create your FSA ID first. (Website: www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Scholarships are available to seniors all school year, but more become available January -April. Pay attention to deadlines. Some colleges may have priority deadlines for scholarships that are earlier than admission deadlines. Pay attention to each school's timeline.
- Need to pay for this year: applications, exams, sending exams, transcripts, prom, boat party, senior dues, yearbook, & obligations.

Don't forget!

- Know when to apply and do NOT miss deadlines (this is where your organization system comes into play).
- Make sure you check your email daily! Your HS and prospective colleges will email you a lot of important information that you do not want to miss.
- Fee waivers are available for college applications and exams (SAT, ACT) if student receives free/reduced lunch. See your counselor.
- Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout senior year.
- Your counselor and the College & Career Counselor are here to assist through this process, do not hesitate to ask for help!

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