

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 1 st – NOVA Pathway Application Opens TBD- Parent FAFSA Info night 27th - SAT testing Date	Important Dates 15 th - NOVA Pathway Application due	Important Dates 1 st – Transcript request due date for students with a deadline of January 1-15 (due to winter break)	*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	*Scholarships *update application results in Naviance	*Scholarships *update application results in Naviance	*College Decision Day Celebration *Fill out final transcript request form & complete senior survey



Saturday Application Help from 9am-12pm

September 26th November 14th
 October 10th December 12th
 October 24th

*held virtually, email & remind texts with links will be sent

Open Application Help

Every Monday & Thursday from September 28th through December

Links emailed & updated on website weekly

*no appt. necessary, just join in. Everyone is welcome, just be mindful there may be other students in the chat

English Office Hours

Monday
 11:50am-12:50pm

*English teaches are great for editing help

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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!
- 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.
- Many College have gone test optional. If you choose to and can take a standardized test, the student is responsible for sending scores
- Ask teachers to write you a letter of rec. minimum 15 school days in advance. Do this virtually via email or meeting first, then request them on Naviance.
- Fill out electronic transcript request form (one per college). Submit the form a minimum 15 school days before the deadline

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.
- Things you may need to pay for this year: applications, exams, sending exams, 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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