

SENIOR YEAR Timeline

2020-2021

Visit the [counseling office website](#) for helpful information in addition to the calendar below. Register to attend at least one [talk and tour career series](#) event as you continue to explore careers. Several college fairs that typically take place in the fall have either been cancelled or are up in the air. Stay tuned for potential college fair opportunities.

Career Exploration Opportunities are in Green.

SEPTEMBER

➤ [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)

- [Parchment](#) accounts set up with Mr. Vander Wal. This is the program you will use to process transcript sends to institutions.
- Senior Visits start in September. These are individual meetings with Mr. Vander Wal to discuss important items for senior year as well as plans for the future. Meetings are typically 45 minutes.
- [SAT test date](#) is September 26; [registration](#) due by August 26.
- Register for the October 3 SAT by September 4.
- [ACT registration](#) for the September 12, 13, and 19 test dates is due August 28.
- [ACT registration](#) for the
- [College representatives](#) begin to offer presentations during Focus Period - see announcements for weekly list or the CCHS website for a [master list](#).
- [Time to be exploring colleges](#), setting up visits to colleges (many “visits” will be virtual this year), receiving application materials. You will typically set up college visits using college websites. Be sure to complete a college visit form with Mrs. Betten if you need to miss school for a college visit.
- It is recommended to submit applications to selective colleges (U of M especially) by the end of the month
- Start [Common App](#) applications if desired schools use it
- Students stay up to date using the website for scholarship opportunities.
- September 30 Senior Parent Info and FAFSA Night – Parents will receive important information about senior year as well as helpful advice on filling out the [FAFSA](#).
- Students considering playing a sport at a **NCAA Division I or II** school should go to www.eligibilitycenter.org and get registered. MAKE SURE TO INFORM COUNSELOR.

OCTOBER

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) becomes available online. You will receive numerous reminders from the financial aid offices of the colleges you have applied to. The FAFSA must be filled out online.
- Senior Visits continue. These are individual meetings with Mr. Vander Wal to discuss important items for senior year as well as plans for the future. Meetings are typically 45 minutes.

- [SAT registration](#) for the November 7 test date is due October 7.
- SAT test date is October 3.
- For some colleges, October test scores are the last they will allow for acceptance and/or scholarships.
- ACT test dates are October 10, 17, 24, 25.
- [Send your SAT test scores](#) and/or [send ACT scores](#) to the colleges where you are applying
- Meet with college reps during Focus Period (see [schedule on website](#))
- Applications are submitted to colleges. Request transcripts to be sent to colleges using [Parchment](#). Early action/decision applications submitted by Nov. 1 in many cases.
- Visit colleges during Teachers' Convention, October 22 and 23.

NOVEMBER

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- [SAT registration](#) for the December 5 test date is due by November 5.
- [ACT registration](#) for the December 12 test date is November 6.
- [SAT test](#) date is November 7.
- Students should know which colleges they are applying to, and get their applications sent out by Thanksgiving break.
- Plan/go on college visits.
- Continue to visit with college representatives during Focus Periods.

DECEMBER

➤ [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)

- [SAT test](#) December 5.
- [Consider registering for Groundhog Shadow Day](#) if that is offered through the KISD this year.
- [ACT test](#) December 12.
- All college applications should be sent out BEFORE Christmas vacation at the latest. It is the student's responsibility to know application deadlines for colleges they are interested in.
- December 31 is the application deadline for scholarship consideration for GVSU. All Application information must be to GVSU by this date to receive financial aid.

JANUARY - MAY

➤ [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)

- Check deadlines for late college application submission.
- Some colleges have a February 1 application deadline for scholarship consideration.
- By this time, most students will know which colleges they have been accepted to. Some highly selective colleges have late notification dates.
- [Financial Aid packages](#) are sent out to students. Parents, along with their students, begin to compare financial aid packages to see which schools are affordable. A final school selection is then made. In most cases, this must occur by May 1.
- Many local scholarships become available during this time. Students hear of these opportunities by way of the CCHS website and other sources. CCHS scholarship application typically available in February.

➤ Students should inform all colleges where they have been admitted of their decision to attend or not by May 1 at the latest.

When making your final college choice you may want to consider:

1. Location
2. Size
3. Do I want a dorm experience?
4. Christian/Private, Public
5. Climate
6. Cost
7. Can I get in?
8. Majors/flexibility to change
9. Student life

Helpful Tips

Not Sure where to even start? Let Big Future Help you!

College websites are the best resource for researching all of the above. You can make a decision about affordability after you receive the financial package from the school.