

SENIOR YEAR Timeline

2021-2022

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.
- [Register](#) for the October 2 SAT by September 3 (September 21 late registration deadline).
- [ACT registration](#) for the October 23 test date by September 17
- For some colleges, October test scores are the last they will allow for acceptance and/or scholarships.
- College representatives visit CCHS for presentations during Focus Periods or availability at tables during lunch - see announcements for weekly list or the CCHS website for a [master list](#) and [ask good questions](#) when you visit with a rep!
- Time to be exploring colleges, setting up [visits to colleges](#), 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 this month
- Use the [Common App](#) when possible to streamline the college application process (Mr. Vander Wal uploads transcripts for Common App applications as well as mid-year and final-year reports - students not using the Common App will need to track these needs carefully on their own)
- Students stay up to date on scholarship opportunities using the counseling office website and other resources (most scholarship deadlines fall in Nov. - Mar.).
- September 22 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

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

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) can be submitted starting October 1. 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.
- For some colleges, October test scores are the last they will allow for acceptance and/or scholarships.
- [SAT registration](#) for the November 6 test date is due October 8.
- SAT test date is October 2.
- ACT test is October 23.
- [Send your SAT test scores](#) and/or [send ACT scores](#) to the colleges where you are applying
- College representatives visit CCHS for presentations during Focus Periods or availability at tables during lunch - see announcements for weekly list or the CCHS website for a [master list](#) and [ask good questions](#) when you visit with a rep!
- 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 CEA Teachers' Convention, October 21 and 22.

NOVEMBER

- [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)
- [SAT registration](#) for the December 4 test date is due by November 4.
- [ACT registration](#) for the December 11 test date is November 5 (CCHS is a testing site).
- [SAT test](#) date is November 6.
- 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 and/or at lunch.

DECEMBER

- [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)
- [SAT test](#) December 4.
- [Consider registering for Groundhog Shadow Day through the KISD.](#)
- [ACT test](#) December 11.
- 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 acceptance deadline for scholarship consideration for GVSU. All

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, announcements, emails, and other sources. CCHS donor funded scholarships common 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.