

# SENIOR YEAR

## ***Summer between Junior and Senior year:***

- Find out if your colleges offer early-action or early-decision programs and decide if you want to participate in them.
- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors. You may need to apply for them the summer after your junior year.

## **September**

- Meet with college admissions representatives visiting your school
- Make a calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines
- Ask teachers, counselors and other adults who you know for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications.
- Attend college fairs
- Take another look at your list of colleges, and make sure that they still satisfy your requirements. Add or remove colleges as necessary.
- If you would like to take the ACT again, register for the test. Taking the test 3 or more times is recommended to maximize your score.
- Submit applications for highly selective colleges and universities or for selective programs. Do not wait until deadlines.

## **October**

- Take the ACT if necessary
- Work on admissions application essays
- Visit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarships from a variety of sources

## **November**

- Finalize and submit any applications that have not been sent in
- Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice

## **December**

- Gather the data needed for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Register for a PIN (Personal Identification Number) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

## **January**

- Submit your completed FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

## **February**

- Apply for CCHS administered scholarships
- Make sure your FAFSA is submitted

## **March**

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents.
- If you haven't received an acceptance letter from the college(s) to which you applied, contact the admissions office.

## **April**

- Watch the mail for financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline
- Notify the schools you have chosen not to attend by phone or email

## **May**

- Take AP examinations

## **Summer following senior year**

- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshman