

Senior Year College Planning Timeline

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- Attend College Applications 101!
- Make sure you have all application websites and forms required for college admission and financial aid. Write, phone, or use the internet to request information.
- Make a chart with all deadlines for your applications and financial aid and then FOLLOW THEM!!
- See Mr. Stahlman to discuss colleges.
- SEND YOUR ACT/SAT SCORES DIRECTLY TO COLLEGES.
- Attend Senior College evening on August 29th (at Walter Commons) and September 19th at 7PM.
- Register for the ACT or SAT or SAT Subject Tests if you will be taking a test in your senior year.
- If your college applications require recommendation letters, ask the teachers to write on your behalf. Please allow teachers at least 2 weeks to complete your recommendation. Provide recommendation forms and any special instructions. Write a thank you letter to the teacher afterwards and keep the teacher posted on your college decisions.
- Work on your essays and have an English teacher or other trusted adult review them with you.
- Continue to visit colleges and schedule interviews if allowed.
- Register for the CSS Profile financial aid form if needed.

OCTOBER

- Bring college application materials in plenty of time to reach the colleges by deadlines to the Guidance Office with a transcript release form for processing. If a recommendation letter from Mr. Stahlman is needed allow three weeks for processing.
- APPLY NOW for Early Action or Early Decision. Your other applications are also welcomed early. Keep a copy for yourself.
- Attend the Suburban College Fair on October 7th at Otterbein College (www.college-fair.org)
- Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list.
- Obtain a FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from the Guidance Office or online at www.fasa.ed.gov
- Complete the FAFSA after October 1st. (www.fafsa.ed.gov) Pay close attention to college financial aid deadlines.
- Complete your CSS Profile application if needed.

NOVEMBER

- Be sure your first quarter grades are good.
- Continue completing applications and following deadlines.
- Seek scholarships – www.fastweb.com.

DECEMBER

- See Mr. Stahlman to discuss and review your college list.
- After completing your FAFSA for financial aid you will be receiving an SAR (Student Aid Report) within four weeks. Review this document for accuracy very carefully.

JANUARY

- Keep working in your classes.
- Seek scholarships.

FEBRUARY

- Monitor all of your college applications and keep track of your notifications and deadlines.
- Continue to complete scholarship applications

MARCH

- Stay focused and keep studying-only a couple more months to go.

APRIL

- You will have all of your college application acceptances by April 1st. Review your college options and financial aid packages very carefully as you make your final decisions. You will need to make a final decision by May 1st.

MAY

- By May 1, decide on the one college that you will attend. By May 1st, send in your tuition deposit to that college. Notify the other schools to whom you were accepted, but will not attend, that you will not be attending. That spot may go to someone else who wants it!
- AP Exams

- Notify Mr. Stahlman where you will be attending college next year so that a final transcript can be sent to that college.