**SENIOR year CHECKLIST**

Your 12th grade year should be focused on earning your “ticket to the future” – your high school diploma. This checklist will serve as a guide for college-bound readiness and a positive 12th grade experience.

**AUGUST / SEPTEMBER:**

* Start thinking about what you want to do after you graduate. Start researching colleges and careers on the internet.
* Narrow down your college search to the top 5 schools you would like to attend.
* Request teacher/counselor recommendations at least two weeks in advance. Present them with a Resume’ to assist them in writing a letter of recommendation.
* Talk with College Representatives that will be here during lunch.
* Attend Senior/ Parent Night **September 25th** to learn more about the college process.

**OCTOBER / NOVEMBER:**

* Complete college visits and tours to narrow down your college preferences. Your 1st College day is October 1st.
* Immediately begin the application process for your top 5 college choices. Universities usually have an October 15th deadline to apply.
* Retake the ACT if you want to improve your scores.
* Know your GPA & Class Rank; Mrs. Seibring can help you with this. You will need it for college applications and scholarships.
* Attend College Application day during Advisory on **October 3rd**, to get help with the application process.
* Send in any application fees, transcripts, recommendation letters, or essays.
* Go on-line and start looking for Scholarship opportunities.

**December / January:**

* Work with family members to gather information to prepare the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is how you will pay for college.
* Parents must complete federal tax returns for use in completing the FAFSA.
* January 1st is when you can complete the FAFSA on-line.

**February/ March:**

* Attend Financial Aid/ FAFSA completion Night on **February 6th** if you have questions or need help with the process.
* Once admitted to college, find out if you need to pay a deposit to reserve your admissions.

**April / May:**

* Local Scholarships DUE **April 4th**
* Attend Awards Night on **April 28th** for winners of local scholarship

**MEET DEADLINES**

Track and complete these separate processes here

* Apply for admission to colleges Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Ask for letters of recommendation Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Attend Senior/Parent Night Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Attend Application Workshop Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Complete College Visits Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Attend FAFSA Night Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Turn in FAFSA Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Send acceptance form/ enrollment deposit Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Turn in local scholarship applications Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Housing application and fees Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Sign up for placement testing Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_
* Sign up for class registration/advising Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_