

Senior Year Checklist

August

- The Common App becomes available Aug 1. Open a Common App account (www.commonapp.org) and get started on your application! The Common App is used by over 600 colleges and universities to facilitate the application process

September

- ORGANIZE!!** Develop a file system for your college materials. Use your red folder to keep organized. Be sure you know what your colleges will require for their applications (*ask your counselor*).
- Use college websites and Naviance to narrow down college choices. Try to keep your list to 9 colleges or fewer, and include a safety school you would be happy to attend.
- Attend FLEX session if applying to private colleges.
- Register for the Oct. & Nov. SAT I or SAT II Tests, and/or ACT if you need to re-take.
- Attend college rep visits at Cleveland. See schedule posted on Naviance and in the SSC.
- Decide whether or not to apply early decision/early action to your first choice college.
- If applying early decision or early action, you need to meet with your counselor by Oct 10!**
- Fill out required forms on Naviance at least 3 weeks prior to your deadline.
- Begin work on application essay if you haven't already started.
- Ask the CCC (College & Career Center) for personalized help with college applications and financial aid questions.
- Attend Cleveland Financial Aid Workshop with your parents.

October

- FAFSA opens for filing.**
- Attend FLEX session if applying to private colleges.
- Schedule college interview with your counselor if you need a letter of recommendation. **If applying early decision or early action, you need to meet with your counselor by Oct 10!**
- Meet with college representatives at CHS and various evening sessions in Portland. See schedule posted on Naviance and in the SSC.
- KNOW YOUR APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Fill out and send the CSS Profile/Financial Aid Application if required by colleges
- Register for Dec. SAT I or SAT II Tests if needed.

November

- Meet college representatives visiting CHS.
- Nov 30 is the deadline for University of California and California State University system.

December

- If accepted to a university under binding early decision plan, withdraw all other applications.
- Make sure to take SAT Subject Tests, if needed by colleges.

January

- File the Federal Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) if not already done.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test or the SAT Subject Tests.

February

- Search for and apply for appropriate scholarships.
- BEGIN THE OSAC (Oregon Student Assistance Commission) Scholarship application; due March 1. *ALL SENIORS should fill this out.*

March

- Use Spring Break to visit college campuses if trying to make a decision.

April

- Decide which college to accept.
- Write thank you notes to teachers who wrote your recommendations.

May

- Send acceptance letter and a deposit to the college you plan to attend. *Inform your counselor.*
- Fill out Senior Survey form from SSC and on Naviance stating your college decision.

June

- Your final transcript will be sent to the college you have listed on your senior survey. Your transcript will not be sent if senior survey is not turned in to the SSC.**