

# Parent/Child Action Plan: Senior Year

## Summer

- Visit colleges together. If you haven't already, make plans to check out the colleges your child is interested in.
- Encourage your child to get started on applications. He or she can get the easy stuff out of the way now by filling in as much required information on college applications as possible.
- Help your child decide about applying early. If your senior is set on going to a certain college, he or she should think about whether applying early is a good option. Now is the time to decide because early applications are usually due in **November**. Read about pros and cons of applying early.
- Go to college websites and look at requirements, deadlines and scholarship information.
- Register for the SAT/ACT.

**Important Dates- Formal pictures will be taken in the month of August as well as decorating lockers.**

## Fall

- Narrow down the college search.
- Collect letters of recommendation from administration and members in the community. Research how many colleges require.
- Retake the SAT/ACT for the best possible score.
- Begin applying for colleges and scholarships.
- Go on college visits. Students are allowed 3 college visits during their senior year.
- Study hard to pull up your GPA at the end of first semester.
- Communicate with Guidance Counselor for help in completing and submitting college applications.

**Important Dates- Homecoming: October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Senior Night: October 20<sup>th</sup>  
FAFSA application opens October 1<sup>st</sup> and closes June 30, 2018**

## Winter

- Continue the college search. Stay in touch with admissions counselors at colleges to which you have applied, making sure they have received all necessary application materials.
- Retake the SAT/ACT one more time.

- Work together to apply for financial aid. Have your child contact the financial aid office at the colleges he/she has applied to find out what forms students must submit to apply for aid. Check the deadlines! Learn about college loans together.
- Work on scholarship opportunities.
- Continue to work hard your senior year! Don't let "senioritis" get the best of you!
- Communicate with Guidance Counselor for help in completing and submitting college applications.

**Important Dates- Senior Ads and pictures are due December 1**

Spring

- Help your child process college responses. Once your child starts hearing back from colleges, he or she will need your support and advice about what to do.
- Discuss financial aid packages together.
- Notify the college you choose of your plans to attend. Send necessary deposits and financial aid agreements.
- Fall Orientation information will be mailed to you. Keep all information in a folder to stay organized.
- Administration will send an official transcript to the college you will be attending.

**Important Dates- Prom is March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Baccalaureate- May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Awards Day- May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Graduation- May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**\*Senior tables: Remember to gather memorabilia throughout the year.**

*Celebrate a job well done!!!*