

SENIOR YEAR POSTSECONDARY PREP CHECKLIST



AUGUST

- Build your college and/or vocational training list. Include safety, target and reach schools.
- Start your application essays.
- Register and study for SAT and/or ACT exams if you are retaking them this fall or winter.
- Begin reviewing scholarships. Search MSMCS website, Going Merry, and Fastweb.com
- Create a college tracking tool for deadlines, etc.



SEPTEMBER

- Meet with Ms. Piatt to discuss your plans.
- Prepare for the FAFSA by gathering tax and income information and SSNs.
- Attend college/training recruiter visits, either in person or virtually.
- Decide if you're applying early decision or early action to any schools. (Talk with Ms. Piatt first.)
- Attend a FAFSA/Financial Aid Info Session with your parent/guardian.



OCTOBER

- Complete the FAFSA as early as possible as some aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Request letters of recommendation from at least 3 educators/coaches/employers who know you well.
- Request transcripts be sent to the colleges on your list.
- Finalize application essays and get them proofread.
- Fill out admissions applications/ submit early admission apps.



NOVEMBER

- Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- Continue to attend campus tours and recruiter visits.



DECEMBER

- Accept early admission and financial aid package, if applicable.
- Submit applications to your regular admission schools.



JANUARY

- Make enrollment deposits for early admission, if applicable.
- Submit any remaining college admission applications.



FEBRUARY

- Continue applying for scholarships
- Write thank-you notes to those who helped you with your college and scholarship applications.



MARCH

- Receive notification of admission, waitlist or rejection.
- Begin to compare financial aid award letters.
- Appeal your financial aid offers if your financial aid situation has changed.
- Tour schools you're considering attending in person or online.



APRIL

- Make a final decision and send in your deposit.
- Notify other schools you won't be attending.
- Accept your financial aid and scholarships.



MAY

- Submit enrollment deposit by school deadline.
- Send final official high school & university transcripts
- Submit housing, meal plan and roommate selections.

