

# Senior Timeline

## September through November

- If you haven't already, put together a list of colleges that you want to apply to, if you are going into the Military – speak to the recruiters when they come. If you are planning to work after high school start putting a resume together.
- When choosing schools think about where you want to be, how big, do you want a city, or rural, what type of sports they offer and do they have different majors that interest you, try not to pick a school that only has one major of interest... if you change your mind, then you have to change schools.
- Meet with Mrs. Johnson (I am not sure if she is doing virtual help or coming in yet) or go online to do your FAFSA (federal financial aid) (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) **\*\*This must be completed by every student every year** to determine your financial aid package\*\* You will need your parent's information, so set aside a time to complete the FAFSA together.
- Retake SAT and/or ACT Exams if necessary. This year it is waived for all SUNY schools, private schools you must contact to find out if it's still required.
- Start asking teachers for recommendation letters- they need time
- Fill out college applications (the majority can be done on the SUNY Application (only SUNY schools) or the Common Application (SUNY and private), ask Mrs. Schneider if you need help and don't do or pay until you ask to make sure you are doing the right one! I don't want you to waste your money
- Work on essays and personal statements you will need for applications – have an English teacher review your essays before submitting it
- Visit colleges (many have open houses during Columbus Day Weekend)
- Meet and speak with college admission counselors that visit our school, ask questions
- It is best to complete your college applications by Thanksgiving. If you are applying **early decision** (it's a contract, you are going there if you get in AND you have to) or **early action** (you find out by winter break if you are in) you will need these done by November 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the school

## **December to February...you wait...**

### March through May

- Meet with Mrs. Schneider to go over scholarships that you can apply for, many of these will come to me and I will post information when I get it
- Look up and apply to other scholarships using the internet, the links on our school webpage under guidance are the safest sites to use
- Listen to the morning announcements and watch the guidance bulletin board for scholarship opportunities
- If you haven't decided where you want to go, revisit colleges that you liked, do an overnight visit
- Receive and compare financial aid packages
- Make final college selection!! – Don't forget to let Mrs. Schneider know (We will need to send final transcripts after graduation)

## **JUNE**

**You made it! Congrats!!**



**Graduation will be here before you know it! 6/26/21**

**Enjoy this year and ask for help along the way!**