



Senior Timeline

September through November

- If you haven't already, put together a list of colleges that you want to apply to and meet with the college reps when they visit. If you are going into the Military – speak to the recruiters when they come or go to their recruiting center. If you are planning to work after high school start putting a resume together and researching jobs that interest you.
- When choosing your next step, think about where you want to be, how big of an area, do you want a city or rural, for colleges- what type of sports do 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 and they have limited academics, then you may have to change schools. Working is the same; where and what do you want from the area?
- Talk with Mrs. Johnson (the financial aid lady) or go online with your parents to do the 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. **EVERY STUDENT needs to fill out the FAFSA to go to college or trade school.** MORE MONEY is available in the fall, so complete this by Thanksgiving time.
- Retake SAT and/or ACT Exams if necessary. For many schools the SAT and ACT are optional but many are putting it back into place. Check the school website to find out if it's required or do a simple google search--- does _____ require the SATS? It will tell you and what scores you need.
- Start asking teachers for recommendation letters- they need time to do them. If you ask on 11/14 and it's due on 11/15 they likely won't be able to get it done in time, so ask early.
- 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, don't start them or pay until you ask to make sure you are doing the right one! I don't want you to waste your money. Community school applications (TC3, SUNY Broome and CCC) are free on their websites, but \$50 on SUNY app!
- Work on essays and personal statements you will need for applications – have an English teacher review your essays before submitting it- this step is very important.
- Visit colleges, look up union/job information, go to recruiting centers, I will help!



- It is best to complete your college applications by **Thanksgiving**. If you are applying **early decision** (it's a contract, which means you are going there if you get in) or **early action** (means you find out by winter break if you are in) you will need these done by November 1st or 15th depending on the school.

December to February...you wait... and while waiting, keep up with your academics. Once you are in, you cannot slack off! Students have been denied into schools after the fact because of their grades dropping at the end.

March through May

- Talk with Mrs. Schneider about scholarships that you can apply for, many of these will come to me and I will post information when I get it
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP, THERE ARE SEVERAL FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO THE MILITARY AND WORKFORCE.
- Finish up your resume, list what jobs you have done, what volunteer work you have done, this is beneficial for everyone to have done when it's fresh in your mind. Those of you going into the workforce will need to have a resume to apply for employment.
- Look up and apply to other scholarships using the internet, the links on our school webpage under guidance are the safest sites to use, be careful of scams.
- **Listen to the morning announcements** lots of senior information is given over the announcements -join my Remind, Instagram and Facebook.
- If you haven't decided where you want to go or what you want to do for work, revisit colleges that you liked, do an overnight visit with them, shadow some workplaces and different job sites- it's time to figure it out.
- Receive and compare financial aid packages.
- Make final school/military/job selection!! – Don't forget to let Mrs. Schneider know (We will need to send final transcripts after graduation).

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You made it! Congrats!! Graduation will be here before you know it- 6/25/22. Enjoy this year and ask for help along the way!