

## **SENIOR PLANNING TIMELINE**

### AUGUST

- IMPORTANT- When applying for admission to a college/university, please make sure your name matches on all accounts (Renweb, Parchment account, ACT account, admissions application, etc.) If your name does not match exactly, it can cause lengthy delays in admissions decisions.
- Sign up for dual enrollment courses.
- Check on applications and financial aid deadlines for the colleges to which you plan to apply.
- Register for ACT.
- Schedule appointment with Mrs. Youngblood to discuss college plans. Review your transcript and extracurricular list you have made for accuracy.
- Continue scholarship searches and note deadlines. Local scholarships will be posted on Renweb.
- Work steadily and faithfully in your classes.

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- Parents should save end of the year pay stub if it shows your earnings for the year. You may need it to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in December and for financial aid eligibility reviews by schools.
- Keep up your grades. Senior grades are vital. Colleges receive a mid-year report containing your first semester grades and your cumulative GPA. They also receive a final transcript after graduation. Offers of admission can be rescinded. Therefore, do not drop your hard classes after getting your acceptance letter or decide to slack off.
- Continue filling out applications. Keep a copy of everything you submit and file it.
- Submit your resumé to the teachers/counselor who will write your recommendations. This gives them information that pertains to the student on an individual basis. Please give them 2 weeks to complete.
- Keep searching and applying for scholarships. Check Renweb.

- Order cap and gown.
- Order graduation announcements (optional).

### NOVEMBER

- Register to take ACT again if interested. The December test is the last score used for scholarship consideration.

### FEBRUARY-MARCH

- If you haven't received your Student Aid Report (SAR) and it has been 4 weeks since you've sent in your FAFSA, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.
- Complete financial aid package (if needed) and decide as to which package you will accept.
- Make housing arrangements at the college you will attend, if you know by now.
- If you have been placed on a "Waiting List" for a school (or schools) you would like to attend, accept that opportunity if you like, but be sure to accept and deposit at a college that accepted you.
- Make a final decision as to which college you'll attend. Make sure to send a deposit by the deadline. Notify the other colleges that you will not be attending their schools. This will free up a spot for another student.

### APRIL-MAY

- Do not develop senioritis! Colleges reserve the right to "un-admit" a student should his/her grades plummet or fall below an acceptable level. They also have the right to revoke scholarship offers.
- GRADUATION!!

