

Senior Checklist



SUMMER

- Begin college applications.**
 - Look at the “Common App” and “Coalition for College Access” webpages to see if the colleges of your choice are listed so that you can apply via these websites one time for all of the colleges you are applying to:
 - Common App: <https://www.commonapp.org/explore-colleges>
 - Coalition for College Access: <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/our-members.html>
 - Explore college admissions web pages to determine:
 - Application deadlines, essay and letter of recommendation requirements.
 - Visit college campuses.

FALL

- Take a strong course load and do your best to make good grades.**

Consider if Dual-Enrollment is an option for you. Meet with the guidance coordinator to see if you are eligible and visit www.palmbeachstate.edu to learn more. It is extremely important that you maintain a challenging schedule if you plan to attend a competitive college.
- Setup an appointment to meet with your guidance coordinator to review your final year plans!**

Continue to look for areas that need improvement, establish a plan going forward whether towards a college or career.
- Frequently monitor the guidance page of the school website.**

This is your one stop shop for commonly requested forms and is the place to go to keep informed of any upcoming college visits and other college and career planning events.
- Attend a Christian and Public School College Fair.**
- Try something new – different from last year!** Try a new club, organization or sport.

Many colleges and organizations look for the well-rounded student.
- If you are an athlete:** Register with the NCAA and NAIA clearinghouses. After you have finished the sport your junior year, you can begin the recruiting process. Meet with your coach and the Athletics Director about your intentions.
- Finish college applications that are due in for early decision deadlines (usually by November 1st)**
- Continue volunteering for community service hours.**

Keep in mind that in-depth involvement is best. While four or five hours here and there are better than nothing, look for volunteer activities where you may want to make a long-term commitment, preferably even gaining experience in an area you may be interested in pursuing as a career. For community service ideas, check out our guidance page or <http://www.volunteens.com/>
- Review Your College Board <https://www.collegeboard.org/> and ACT Profile www.actprofile.org accounts.**

Review your information to ensure it is up-to-date with your latest information, goals, and interests.
- Maintain your high school resume.**

Add any important jobs, volunteer positions or skills gained over this year.
- Continue looking up scholarship opportunities.**

Scholarship opportunities change each year. Continue looking through the hundreds of fun and exciting scholarship that can help you earn money for school. Many are unique just for you! One of many invaluable sites to check out: www.CollegeDebtFree.org
- Signup, practice and take the ACT and or SAT (if needed)**

SPRING

- Finish college applications per the deadlines of each college you are applying – pay attention the deadlines come up much quicker than you think!**
- Continue to work hard on your grades.**

Proactive preparation today will avoid last minute reactive panic. If you find that you are struggling in any of your classes, please ask your teacher for help. If that is not enough, see your guidance coordinator for information on tutoring.
- Continue your activities and community service work.**
- CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!**