

# Senior Year Timeline

Plan your path to success with this timeline checklist

## SEPTEMBER

- Senior Conference with Mrs. Carroll or Mr. Lombardi.
- Register for Fall administration of ACT, SAT and SAT II tests (if needed).
- Meet with college admissions representatives visiting CHS .
- Visit college campuses of interest to you.
- Make a calendar of application and financial aid deadlines for colleges of interest to you.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselors and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarships and admissions applications. Do so well in advance of application deadlines.
- Check out Common Application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) . Applications accepted by hundreds of colleges and universities.
- Attend Financial Aid Evening.
- If you plan to file for Financial Aid online, student and parents should request a FSA ID at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid> (the FSA ID is used as an electronic signature for the FAFSA on the web). Use [www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov) to help you determine how much financial aid you may be eligible for.

## OCTOBER

- Continue college visitations. Revisit your top school choices. Talk to current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Begin preparing college admission applications and essays.
- Private colleges may require CSS Profile as part of the financial aid process. Go to [profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com) for information or check with individual colleges.
- Complete NCAA eligibility form at [www.eligibilitycenter.org/athletics](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/athletics) if you intend to play Division 1 or Division 2 in college, and notify Guidance.
- Be sure letters of recommendation are on file with your school counselor.
- Prepare and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## NOVEMBER

- Submit early decision/early action college applications. Submit Transcript Request Forms to Guidance.
- Listen to morning announcements and check in the guidance "Scholarship Drawer" for available scholarships. The scholarship list is updated regularly on the High School Guidance page at [www.chathamcentralschools.com](http://www.chathamcentralschools.com) .
- Take the ACT, SAT or SAT II tests if necessary.
- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in mail or online. Discuss the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and how much you can afford to spend for your education with your parents and family.

## DECEMBER

- Begin submitting regular decision college applications. Submit Transcript Request Forms to Guidance.
- Students who need to have their applications received by colleges prior to January 1 must submit them to the Guidance Office at least one week before the December break.

## JANUARY – FEBRUARY

- Colleges' mid-year grade report requests should be turned in to Mrs. Cassidy in Guidance.
- Submit college applications for those colleges with later deadlines or rolling/open admissions.

## MARCH – APRIL

- Collect costs and financial aid information from each of the colleges on your final list.
- Continue researching and applying for Scholarships.
- Complete self-nominating GRADUATION AWARDS form, distributed in homeroom in March.
- Bring letters of college acceptances and awards to guidance for copying.

## MAY – JUNE

- Tuition and room deposits are typically due to colleges by May 1st.
- Complete GRADUATION PLANS form and return to guidance.
- Finalize all plans.