

Senior Fall Semester Timeline

OCTOBER

- Do you have all of your credits that you need in order to graduate? If not, see your counselor immediately to make plans to take recovery classes.
- Do you have 40 (or 100 if you're a medical student) Service Learning Hours? Remember, those need to be completed by MARCH.
- Make sure your address is correct in our computer system so that you will receive all the important information that is mailed out (This includes your graduation diploma.)
- Are you retaking the ACT? The next test date is in December, so see your counselor for registration information.
- Get college applications and catalogs from universities that you are considering attending. (Many are available in the Guidance Office.)
- Begin watching and listening for scholarship information from the Guidance Office. Check the bulletin board outside the cafeteria. Seniors should realize that their grades both 1st and 2nd semester are important, especially for scholarship applications. First semester is extremely important for graduation class rank; however, the final college transcripts reflect all 8 semesters of grades – and some schools have been known to rescind their offers of acceptance upon receipt of a bad 8th semester transcript.
- Start asking teachers and counselors for letters of recommendations. Be prepared to provide them with a summation of your accomplishments and extracurricular activities so that they can brag on you.
- **November 2nd**: First quarter ends
- **November 7th**: Report Card Pick-Up Day

NOVEMBER

- It's good to aim for having your application for admission and accompanying materials mailed to the colleges you wish to attend by the end of November (always check deadline dates at the individual colleges for specific deadlines).
- Watch the counseling office bulletin boards for information about college visits.
- Representatives from a variety of colleges will be setting up in the foyer during lunch periods. Be on the lookout for schools that you're interested in. This is a great way to make contacts with admissions people!
- Don't forget to check out info on new scholarship opportunities.

DECEMBER

- Make certain your second semester schedule will insure that you meet graduation requirements. If you discussed switching any classes at semester, touch base with your counselor.
- If you have not turned in your college applications yet, make sure they're in before the holiday break. But don't forget: always check each college's specific deadline! Some are earlier than others.

JANUARY

- Have you made up all of the classes you need to graduate? Do you have Driver's Ed? Do you have your Consumer Ed and Constitution Test credit? January is the last chance for signing up for night and Saturday school – if you want to graduate in June, now is the last chance to make up any credits.
- It's FAFSA time! As soon as possible, go online and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applications, further information, and assistance are available in the Guidance office.
- If college or a vocational program is not in the cards for you, at this time you need to begin contacting potential employers and sending in job applications. See your counselor for help with this.