

Senior Year Time Line

September

- During this last year work hard, but enjoy this time in your life!
- Check application deadlines.
- Determine if Early Action/Early Decision options are appropriate for you.
- Register for SAT I in October or November.
- Determine final list of schools with a college counselor.
- Attend college visits at school or local college fairs.
- Write, review and proofread application essays with your English teacher.
- Attend any workshops held at RCS for financial aid and college selection process.

October

- Begin application process.
- If you are planning to attend a community college such as PCC, fill out a registration form available on-line or in the college planning office. SAT's are not required to attend community college. After you apply you will be contacted to schedule a placement test.
- Attend college visits at school.
- Register for December SAT II Subject Tests.
- Take SAT
- Ask for recommendations from a teacher, counselor, supervisor or boss. Choose people who can write well, give an outstanding recommendation and have known you for several years. When asking for letters, give two weeks notice.
- Fill out any transcript request forms and turn them into the guidance office.

November

- Keep working hard in school. Many colleges and universities request final year transcripts and you'll want to maintain excellent grades.
- Take SAT if you haven't already
- Complete Early Action/Early Decision applications.

December

- Take SAT II Subject Test
- Complete applications.

January

- Submit Financial Aid Forms. Fill out FAFSA forms after January 1st. You will need your parent's help and their income tax forms.
- Have test scores released and sent.
- Submit remaining applications.
- Check that all application materials and paperwork due have been submitted and received to the colleges you have selected.

February and March

- Keep searching for financial aid opportunities.
- Wait patiently. Think about your potential choices. Take a second look and re-visit the schools of your choice.
- Send any new material that may boost your chances of being accepted. Any honors, awards or recognition should be sent right away.

April

- Decide and make final college choice.
- Prepare for AP exams with practice tests and study guides. Ask AP teachers for information.
- Reply to the college of your choice. Watch deadlines! Send a deposit, if necessary. Some colleges will require deposits by May 1st.
- After making sure everything is in order with the college of your choice, write a polite letter to the colleges you did not choose so that they may offer admission to another student.

May

- Take AP exams if applicable. High AP exam scores can earn you college credits.
- Thank people who helped you along the way with guidance and letters of recommendations. Consider a card or thank-you note.
- Make plans for the summer and beyond. Consider taking a course that can apply toward college. Explore volunteering, internship and job possibilities. Spend time with family and friends.
- Forms regarding housing, roommates and courses may start arriving from the college you are attending. Respond to each one promptly.

June

- Do well on exams and EOC's. You are almost there!
- Graduate! CONGRATULATIONS! We are proud of you and your accomplishments!