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| **SEPTEMBER**  - Get a file “bin” and set up a file for each target school.  - Attend all high school college-related meetings.  - Meet with counselor and ask questions.  - Identify all the application deadlines for your schools and fill out checklist.  - Get your school’s CEEB code and have it handy along with your SS#.  - Finalize your resume.  - Prep for final SAT/ACT testing and register.  - Ask teachers for letters of recommendation if your colleges want them.  - Request interviews at privates whenever they are available.  - Get a good senior picture, formal or informal.  - Print practice apps for all your schools even if you will be doing them on-line.  -Review your Handbook carefully. | **OCTOBER**  - Obtain FAFSA forms - you can file in October using last year’s tax return;  **-** Take SAT/ACT as needed (register for Nov/Dec).  - Work on applications.  - See if college applications are on the internet yet  *(be sure they are for the right admission term)* If so, download & print them for practice and/or get the essays.  - Think about essay topics. Brainstorm.  - Keep grades up – senior grades count!  - Are you taking the SAT again?  - Did you obtain all letters of recommendation needed?  - Decide about applying early decision – you can only do one!  - If you’re an athlete, talk to coach(es).  - Polish your resume for the last time!  -Are any of your target schools visiting your high school? | **NOVEMBER**  - Attend any workshops/ meetings offered by your high school.  -think about financial aid needs.  - Work on essays and applications.  *(many early applications are due in November! )*  - Watch deadlines!  - Don’t procrastinate with your apps! The earlier the better.  - Want to take the SAT one more time?  - Have your high school send transcripts to colleges that want them.  - Send thank you notes to anyone who helped you (letters of recommendation etc).  - Be sure your SAT/ACT scores have been sent to all your colleges after your last test. Send AP scores as well if they are strong. | **DECEMBER**  - This is likely your last chance at the standardized tests – use it if you need it.  - Study Hard! You can’t afford to let your grades slip.  *(first semester grades may be used in decisions)* - Be sure to report your test scores to all your colleges.  - Use the internet to research scholarships.  - Finish any remaining applications! Proof them over and over.  - Have others read your essays to be sure they are captivating and demonstrate  something unique about you.  - Send your final resume, picture and cover letter to your private schools.  - Think about financial aid needs and familiarize yourself with the forms.  - Keep copies of everything you send.  - If accepted Early Decision, inform other schools. | **JANUARY**  - The last of the applications should be due this month for Fall admission.  - Are your test scores sent?  - Transcripts sent as required?  - Letters of recommendation in?  - Be sure your FAFSA is filed;    - Consider using CSS/PROFILE for aid if your college(s) take it. (College Board website)  - You may need a GPA verification form for some state grants.  (research this).  - Attend financial aid workshops at your school or elsewhere.  - Research private scholarships via internet. |
| **FEBRUARY** - Finish financial aid forms. Timing matters! Being late can literally cost you.  - Tell your parents you will need their 1040 tax information *(as current as possible, last years at least)*  - You can estimate the financial aid you will receive.  - Have school send updated transcripts or midyear reports if needed.  - Pay attention to correspondence from colleges.  - Keep your grades up! Offers can be rescinded! | **MARCH**  -FAFSA form due  *(Review the SAR you will receive to be sure it is using the right data)*  - Register for AP tests.  - Wait for acceptance letters!  *( Pay attention to housing forms in acceptance letters.*  *There may be deadlines and preference options)*  - Consider appealing a rejection.  *(if it was your first choice and you have some reason for them to reconsider you)*  - Notify your counselor when you receive college decisions and write waitlist letters if appropriate. | **APRIL**  - Congrats on all your acceptances! You must generally select a school by May 1.  - Final campus visits if needed to help make your decision.  - Talk to people who can help you decide: alumni, older friends who are there, parents, and your counselor.  - Prepare for AP tests and finals.  - Review and discuss financial aid offers as part of your decision making process. These can be appealed also. | **MAY**  - Most of your schools must be notified by May 1 with an SIR form.  - Plan summer employment.  - Pay attention to housing and meal plan information contained in your acceptance letter(s).  - Inform the schools you will NOT be attending as well.  - If needed, research loans (PLUS, Stafford etc) to make up for any financial gap after aid results are known.  - Study for finals and APs! (use prep books?) | **JUNE**  - Order final transcript and anything else to be sent to your college.  - Consider computer needs for next Fall  *(notebooks, wireless connections, etc)*  - Attend all orientations at your college.  - Do some extra research on your college to think about what activities you will pursue.  - Respond to any financial aid offers you received.  - Keep READING!  - Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you! |

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