Senior Year Countdown to College 2010-2011

September

Register to take the SAT Reasoning and/or Subject Tests via www.collegeboard.com or the ACT at www.actstudent.org.

Finalize your list of potential schools and make sure you have the necessary applications and deadlines for completion. College application deadlines can range from October to April. If you are still compiling a list of prospective schools, meet with Mrs. Walsh and Ms. Baglivi, attend college fairs and visit college campuses, and surf the Internet for college web sites.

Request letters of recommendation from your teachers.

Finish working on your activity résumé.

Remind your parents/guardians to attend the College Application Workshop on September 16th at 7pm in the high school cafeteria.

October

Attend the Mini College Fair on October 27th periods 2 & 3 in the high school cafeteria.

Search for community based educational grants, private scholarships, and endowments.

If you are applying Early Decision or Early Action, make sure to meet with Mrs. Walsh and Ms. Baglivi as soon as possible.

Take the SAT and/or ACT. Make sure to send your scores to the colleges to which you’re applying or have applied.

November

Obtain financial aid information from each college’s financial aid office and note the required documents and deadlines for filing.

Ask your English teacher to review your college essay (s).

December

Finalize and submit applications for admission.

Apply for local, private, and college scholarships and grants.

January

Complete and submit your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on or soon after January 1st. Parents will need to have their tax returns, W-2 forms, bank statements, and records of benefits from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veteran’s Affairs, and other agencies in order to complete the FAFSA. Check with your colleges about additional financial aid forms that may need to be submitted.
Attend Financial Aid Night at Huntington High School on January 6, 2011 at 7:00pm.

February
Check with the College Center to make sure your mid-year grades have been sent to the colleges to which you’ve applied.
Fill out and submit the financial aid forms required by the colleges where your applications have been sent.

March
Review your SAR (the Student Aid Report which is based upon your FAFSA information) for accuracy and make any necessary changes.
Forward medical forms to each school requiring a physical exam as a condition for admission.
Start looking for that perfect summer job!

April
Watch the mail for college acceptance letters and financial aid award letters to determine the college and package that best meets your needs.
Compare financial aid award letters received-and watch for response deadlines. You may be required to sign and return a copy of your financial aid award letter to receive financial aid.
If you have been placed on a waiting list by a college, you may want to consider calling the admissions office to see how you may strengthen your application.

May
Select and notify the college of choice. Also, be sure to notify the colleges you decide not to attend.
Find out when your college is hosting its orientation session and make plans to attend. Orientation is a great way to meet classmates and faculty and gives you time to get to know the campus.

June
Notify your college about any outside scholarships, grants, or other funding you have been awarded.
Ask the College Center to send your final transcript to your college.