

# SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

## September

- Set up a meeting with your college advisor to discuss post high school options
- Visit college and/or trade school campuses
- Verify your school choices offer your desired field of interest
- Apply to 3 colleges or trade schools
- Sign up for the ACT
- Make a list of deadlines for financial aid, housing, known scholarships, etc.
- Ask teachers, coaches, etc. for recommendation letters
- Check the scholarship spreadsheet for fall scholarships and deadlines

## October–November

- Take the ACT
- Fill out FAFSA (the application opens on October 1)
- Have ACT scores sent to the colleges in which you are most interested
- Attend Senior Information Night at SJCS
- In October, you will have a composite senior picture taken at SJCS
- Ask teachers, coaches, etc. for recommendation letters
- In November, attend Senior meeting to order cap/gowns, etc.
- If you have decided on a college, look to see when housing opens and write it down on your calendar
- Look into college ministries and churches near your top college choices – ask for references from people you trust
- Continue to check the scholarship spreadsheet regularly

## December–January

- Apply for housing and pay deposit (if you have decided on a college)
- Continue to monitor the scholarship spreadsheet and fill out scholarships as they open (if you already have your recommendation letters by now, that should save you some time/effort)
- Continue to check the scholarship spreadsheet regularly

## February–March

- Men 18 and over must register for the Selective Service in order to receive federal financial aid and A+ funds
- Check your email frequently to check on correspondence from colleges, FAFSA, your college counselor, and scholarship committees
- Continue to check the scholarship spreadsheet regularly

## April–May

- Send graduation announcements to family and friends
- Register for college summer orientation
- Make a list of all important dates – orientation, move-in dates, etc.
- Apply for a summer job
- Request transcripts from any colleges in which you were enrolled for dual credit during high school (visit the college's registrar page to request transcripts)
- Graduation is May 17

## Summer

- Continue to monitor your email for important dates, events for freshmen, etc.
- Prepare for freshman orientation by looking ahead at which classes you may want to take your first semester
- Make sure you know what dual credit classes you took and pay attention to how they transferred to your college of choice
- Hug your parents, be nice to your siblings, and save money

## IMPORTANT:

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL.** I will communicate important information to you throughout the year, and if you don't read your emails on a regular basis, you will miss things. Please note that you are young adults, and I expect you to be responsible and communicative. Your parents are there to support you this year, but it is your responsibility to read emails, ask questions, and complete important tasks.

Please feel free to email me or stop by my office ANYTIME if you have questions or need help! I am praying for you and am looking forward to working with you this year! –Mrs. Phillips