

Senior College Checklist

August- September	October-November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Set up a meeting with your counselor to discuss post high school options <input type="checkbox"/> Visit college campuses <input type="checkbox"/> Verify your school choices offer your desired field of interest <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to 3-5 colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for the ACT/SAT <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of deadlines for financial aid, housing, known scholarships, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask teachers, coaches, etc. for recommendation letters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the ACT/SAT <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to have scores from the test sent to the colleges in which you are most interested <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Senior Information Night at SJCS on October 30th <input type="checkbox"/> In October, you will have a composite senior picture taken at SJCS <input type="checkbox"/> Ask teachers, coaches, etc. for recommendation letters <input type="checkbox"/> Look for scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Pay attention to scholarship deadlines at your top schools <input type="checkbox"/> In November, attend Senior meeting to order cap/gowns, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> If you have decided on a college, look to see when housing opens <input type="checkbox"/> Look into college ministries and churches near your top college choices - ask for references from people you trust
December- January	February-March
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete FAFSA <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for housing and pay deposit (if you have decided on a college) <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to fill out scholarships as they open (if you already have your recommendation letters by now, that should save you some time/effort) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Men 18 and over must register for the Selective Service in order to receive federal financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Check your email frequently to check on correspondence from colleges re: FAFSA as well as updates from scholarship committees
April-May	Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Send graduation announcements to family and friends <input type="checkbox"/> Register for college summer orientation <input type="checkbox"/> Make a list of all important dates - orientation, move-in dates, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Send thank-you letters to anyone who wrote you a recommendation letter, any scholarships you received, and for any graduation gifts received <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for a summer job <input type="checkbox"/> Request transcripts from any colleges in which you were enrolled for dual credit during high school <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 is graduation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to monitor your email for important dates, events for freshmen, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for freshman orientation by looking ahead at which classes you may want to take your first semester <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you know what dual credit classes you took and pay attention to how they transferred to your college of choice <input type="checkbox"/> Hug your parents, be nice to your siblings, and save money