

Grade 12 Timeline

September

- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation (at least 2)
- Finalize your list of schools & visit any colleges you missed during the summer (if possible)
- Start the Common Application (if applicable)
- Register for the October SAT (if necessary)
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Attend area college fair at Fairleigh Dickinson University (Bergen County Fair)

October - November

- Prepare information you need for college applications (essay, activity resume, brag sheets, etc.)
- Continue to complete your applications (on-line and/or Common App) for the colleges you are applying to
- Register for November or December SAT (if necessary)
- Make an appointment with your counselor for a recommendation letter if required by any of your colleges
- File the FAFSA online starting October 1st at www.fafsa.gov
- Request transcripts for each school at least 2 weeks before each deadline
- Send in Early Decision and Early Action applications – typically due Nov. 1st or Nov. 15th
- Request MP 1 grades be sent to EA/ED schools if required by the colleges

December

- Finish submitting all applications – seriously!
- Turn in transcript request forms for January deadlines
- Last chance to take SAT

January

- Begin applying for scholarships – look under “Colleges” tab in Naviance
- Maintain strong grades

February – March

- Check that mid-year grades were sent to colleges
- March 1st is the final deadline for rolling admission schools
- Review your financial aid packages and contact financial aid office with any questions
- Continue applying for scholarships. Watch deadlines carefully.
- Keep your grades up!

April – May

- Visit schools where you were accepted/Attend Accepted Student Days
- Make final decision on where to attend and submit your deposit by May 1st
- Update college decisions on Naviance
- Inform other colleges that you plan to enroll elsewhere
- Take AP exams if applicable

June

- Request final transcript to be sent to your attending school
- Graduate! Yay!

Keep grades up throughout Senior Year!! This is not the end – it’s just the beginning!