



# Senior Year College Timeline

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## September/October

If you are undecided about career and college options, make an appointment with your School Counselor.

- ❑ **College requirements:** Make a list of the application, testing, and financial aid requirements for each college.
- ❑ **Letters of recommendation:** Reach out to teachers/staff to write letters. Please provide them with a resume or list of accomplishments and give them **2 weeks** to complete your request. Be sure to provide the recommender with the following: who to send the letter to, the criteria needed for the letter, and the deadline.
- ❑ **Application essays:** Start working on these early enough so that you can share them with parents, teachers, or other adults to have them review and make sure you have the best essay possible.
- ❑ **College applications:** Start working on and submitting applications to your colleges.
- ❑ **Early decision/early action schools:** Be sure to check to see if your colleges offer early decision or early action and what their deadlines are. Early action is nonbinding and early decision is binding. **November 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> are often the dates.**
- ❑ **SAT/ACT:** Retake SAT or ACT if necessary (Note: October is the last test date that will make scores available in time for early decision and early action programs). Be sure to have your test scores sent to the colleges you are applying to.
- ❑ **Transcripts:** Sign up for a Parchment account to send transcripts to the colleges you are applying to. For your Common Application schools, Parchment is not needed, your School Counselor will send your transcript through the Common App by **November 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- ❑ **Complete the FAFSA after October 1<sup>st</sup>:** The FAFSA is necessary if you are applying for federal and state grants and loans. Funds are limited so make sure to apply before the deadline (March 1<sup>st</sup>).
- ❑ **Fee Waiver:** If you can't afford application fees, talk with a college admissions representative to obtain a fee waiver. Bring the form to your School Counselor to complete.
- ❑ **Scholarships:** Start your scholarship search. [Scholarship Search Information](#) Keep an eye on our "Marquette Senior High School Guidance Office" Facebook page and check our scholarship list posted in the Guidance Office for new scholarship postings.
- ❑ **AP Exams:** Sign up for any applicable AP exams. A successful score could mean the potential to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both in college.
- ❑ **Credit recovery:** Credit recovery is available throughout the school year. Please sign up ASAP if you are in need of credit requirements for graduation. All credit recovery courses must be completed and passed by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** AND you must be in good standing in your current courses in order to be eligible to walk in the graduation ceremony.
- ❑ **Work permit:** Don't forget to pick up a work permit if you get a job. Work permits can be picked up in the High School Office or the Guidance Office.

## November/December

- ❑ **ASVAB:** If you would like to take the ASVAB in December please sign up in the Guidance Office upon hearing the announcement.

- ❑ **Applications:** Work on regular decision applications as a backup if you weren't admitted for early decision or early action.
- ❑ **Early Decision:** Early decision applicants will start hearing back from colleges in December.

## January/February

- ❑ **Transcripts (Common Application):** Your counselor will upload your transcript that includes your 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades to the Common Application. If you need your transcript sent to a non Common Application school you will need to use your Parchment account to make the request.
- ❑ **Grades:** Be sure to keep your grades up – colleges will look at your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades to make sure that they aren't dropping.
- ❑ **Regular Decision Letters:** Regular decision acceptance letters will start coming in the mail.
- ❑ **Review Acceptance Letters:** Review all offers of admission and consider the pros and cons of each college. Decide which college is your top choice.
- ❑ **FAFSA Deadline:** March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to get your FAFSA completed in order to be considered for the most financial aid.
- ❑ **Compare Financial Award Letters:** Examine financial aid packages that you are offered. Some schools may be more affordable than you originally anticipated. Be sure to review what you have to do to continue receiving financial aid from year to year and how it may change in future years.

## March/April

- ❑ **Local Scholarships:** School Counselors will be coming into your classes to talk about the Local Scholarship application process.
- ❑ **Inform colleges:** Let colleges know of your acceptance or rejection of their offer of admissions/financial aid by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Note: Colleges **cannot** require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Send a deposit to one college only.

## May

- ❑ **Credit Recovery/Good Standing:** All credit recovery courses must be completed and passed by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** AND you must be in good standing in your current courses in order to be eligible to walk in the graduation ceremony.
- ❑ **Transcripts:** Stop in the Guidance Office to get your final transcript sent to the college you are planning on attending (fill out your information in the transcript binder).
- ❑ **Loans/Financial Aid:** Research student loan lenders. Notify your college financial aid office of any scholarships you will be receiving/accepting.
- ❑ **Student Accounts (Mapsnet & Google):** After graduation, student accounts will be deleted. Seniors should save anything they will need to another location.
- ❑ **Senior Textbook and Chromebook Return:** Textbooks and chromebooks will be returned at the end of May.

## June

- ❑ **Graduation Practice:** Date and time TBD. Caps and gowns must be worn. Practice session will last about two hours.
- ❑ **Graduation Ceremony:** June 2023