

“If I plan to learn, I must learn to plan”



High School Senior Year

August

- Decide which school is right for you- large or small, public or private, close to home or away from home?
- Call or search different college websites to request catalogs and applications.
- Narrow your choices and visit schools.
- Register for the SAT or ACT, if you did not do so as a junior or if you want to retake the tests.

September

- Narrow your choices to the top 3 or 4 colleges in which you are interested and schedule campus visits.
- Decide who you'll ask to write your letters of recommendation (if required). It should be someone who can comment on your abilities and talents.
- Research private scholarship sources and request application information for those you've identified.
- Make sure you are checking the school website under 'Counseling Corner' for information and updates on scholarships.

October

- Fill out the FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016. You can apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - **Be sure to list the schools you are considering (up to 6).**
- Visit different colleges that interest you.
- Discuss your application essay with your English teacher.
- Apply to colleges that interest you. Do not wait until just before the deadline.
- Track deadlines and requirements for grant and scholarship applications.

November

- Check priority deadlines and entrance requirements for all colleges being considered.
- See if any of the colleges you are considering offer an early financial aid estimate.
- Approximately 2 weeks after submitting your FAFSA, you should receive notice that the application was received.

- After submitting your FAFSA you will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) in approximately 4 to 8 weeks.

December

- Last chance to take the SAT or ACT.

January

- Fill out and submit the forms required by the schools you have applied to.

February

- Review your SAR carefully.
- Look for an Award Letter from each of the schools to which you've been accepted. This letter lists the types and amounts of financial aid you'll receive for the upcoming academic year.

March

- As college forms arrive, promptly complete and return them to colleges: don't let them sit! (Keep copies for yourself)
- Submit copies of tax forms if required by the financial aid office.

April

- College Acceptance letters usually arrive before May 1st.
- Send thank you notes to everyone who helped you with your application and recommendation letters.

May

- Make your final decision on which college you want to attend and send your deposit.
- Notify colleges from which you were accepted but will not be attending.
- Request **FINAL** high school transcript to be sent to your college of choice before graduation.

June

- Get a summer job to earn money for college☺

Don't count the days, make the days count.

-Muhammad Ali

*Please feel free to call (278-6614 ext. 219) or stop by Mrs. Williams's office for any additional information.