

# Senior Year Checklist for College Planning

## Fall

- ✓ Sign up to meet with college representatives who are visiting our school in the Class of 2024 Google Classroom
- ✓ Sign up to retake a **fall 2023 SAT** on a national test date in your College Board student account or sign up to take the ACT at [actstudent.org](https://actstudent.org) if you would like to try to improve your test scores
- ✓ Visit as many colleges as possible, some may still be virtual right now and pay careful attention to all college deadlines
- ✓ Narrow down your college search and begin to fill out your admission applications **paying careful attention to school specific scholarship deadlines i.e. the deadline for Michigan State University is typically on November 1<sup>st</sup>**
- ✓ **VERY IMPORTANT**, after applying to a college please use your **Parchment student account to request electronic delivery of your SHS transcript to that college** (Don't forget to share any counselor forms if required by the college, if a letter of recommendation is desired please make sure to ask ahead of time!)
- ✓ Finalize your college applications and try to get them in before winter break at the very latest!
- ✓ **Beginning in December**, you can apply for 2024-2025 financial aid consideration at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) using your 2022 tax information! **Remember the State of Michigan on-time deadline to complete your FAFSA is March 1<sup>st</sup>!**
- ✓ Continue to research scholarship opportunities and apply as necessary don't forget to check the guidance website at [Scholarships - High School Guidance Office - Junior/Senior High School - Our Schools](#) regularly for local scholarships
- ✓ Finish the 15 hours of senior year community service hours required for Lions Club Scholarship consideration.

## Winter/Spring

- ✓ Look for acceptance letters and financial aid award packages in the mail from the various colleges you've applied to
- ✓ Talk with financial aid advisors if necessary and begin the decision-making process
- ✓ Inform all colleges that have accepted you of your final decision by May 1
- ✓ **Pay an enrollment deposit to the college you have chosen** no later than May 1
- ✓ Once you have chosen a college to attend in the fall **please remember to request a final transcript ("hold for grades") online using your Parchment student account, a \$4.40 fee will be charged once you are moved to alumni status on August 1<sup>st</sup>!**