

Senior Year Checklist for College Planning

Fall

- ✓ Sign up to get important senior announcements delivered by text message to your phone visit panthernet.net/shs/go for more details!
- ✓ Sign up in front of the college adviser's office to meet with college representatives who are visiting our school
- ✓ Register to retake the SAT through your College Board student account or sign up to take the ACT at actstudent.org if you would like to try to improve your test scores
- ✓ Visit as many colleges as possible 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 November 1st**
- ✓ **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 bring in 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 on October 1st**, you can apply for 2019-2020 financial aid consideration at fafsa.ed.gov using your 2017 tax information! **Remember the State of Michigan on-time deadline to complete your FAFSA is March 1st!**
- ✓ Continue to research scholarship opportunities and apply as necessary don't forget to check the guidance website at panthernet.net/scholarships regularly for local scholarships
- ✓ Finish the 15 hours of senior year community service hours required for Lion's 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
- ✓ Send 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 you Parchment student account, a \$3.25 fee will be charged once you are moved to alumni status on August 1st!**