



# ZCHS School Counseling Department

## Senior Preparation Timeline

### September /October

#### ○ Admissions Process:

- Organization: note application materials needed for college (deadlines for standardized test scores, transcripts, recommendations, applications, financial aid and scholarship).
  - Meet with college admissions representatives visiting our school.
  - Attend college fairs and schedule campus visits.
  - Begin preparing essay notes and an outline for any college requiring an essay.
  - Complete a Brag Sheet & talk to teachers you are asking for references and give them your resume and information (provide 2 weeks' notice for a letter of recommendation).
  - Releasing your rank: we will release rank with the completion of our rank release form.
- Review your SAT and ACT scores to see if you need to schedule another opportunity to test.
  - College bound athletes: please download NCAA forms at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org); you must have completed at least 6 semesters before you can file.
  - Secure all financial aid-forms (FAFSA) and begin compiling information.
  - Senior meetings – counselors will meet with each senior to review post high school plans.

### November /December

- File FAFSA <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Deadline to file is March 10<sup>th</sup>. However, some college deadlines may be earlier than March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- All seniors should have at least one college application on file before Thanksgiving break.
- Begin searching for eligible scholarships.

### January/February

- Check with the college of your choice to make sure you have all appropriate forms turned in.
- Scholarships: local scholarships are included in the daily announcements & posted in Naviance.
  - Community Foundation of Boone County:  
<http://www.communityfoundationbc.org/scholarships/cfbc-scholarships/zionsville-high-school/>
- 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcript/grades: if needed, please request through Parchment.
- Check deadlines for college applications if they have not already been sent.

### March

- Respond to your Student Aid Report (SAR) if needed and keep a copy. This allows you to correct information on the FAFSA if necessary.
- Notify the college you decide to attend, by May 1<sup>st</sup>. (thank people who have helped you in the process)

### May

- Request final transcripts and complete the senior survey. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**