

COLLEGE PREPARATION

Here are some simple tips for seniors as they prepare for college.

1. Take the ACT/SAT if you haven't already. Plan to take the ACT in October or December. You may apply online for the [ACT](#) or the [SAT](#). Some scholarship money is based on these tests results.
2. Check with the Guidance Department for college applications. Most colleges now use online applications. Some may even waive their application fee if the application process is done online.
3. If applying online may sure to check and see if there is a counselor portion that needs to be filled out. If there is one make sure that you print it out and turn it in to Mr. McDonald.
4. Transcripts – Check to see what transcript method the college/university prefers. Some use the [Common Application](#) (this you would fill out once and indicate what institutions you want your application sent to), Use my email address as the counselor; imcdonald@lhsa.com and they will send me a request for your transcript. Others use [Parchment](#). You will need to register with them, then you request your transcripts through them and I send everything out electronically.
5. Allow some time for the transcript to be prepared. DO NOT give it to me the day it needs to be mailed. I have a quick turnaround but do not like cutting it close as something else could come up and I do not get it done that day.
6. If you need teacher recommendations for your application, as a courtesy please allow them 3 weeks to prepare the recommendation.
7. Check with Mrs. Fink for scholarship information. She is the person who maintains a file on these. They arrive all throughout the year so check often to see if anything new has arrived.
8. Go to [Fast Web](#) this is a free search for scholarships and how to apply for them. **DO NOT PAY TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS!**
9. Take a look at this site to learn more about scholarship scams. [FinAid](#)
10. Check the Guidance Area on the school's website www.lhnw.lhsa.com for other aids in the college application process.
11. PLEASE ask if you have questions. I will help you get the information you need.
12. Athletes planning to play in college you need to register with the [NCAA Clearinghouse](#) or the [NAIA Clearinghouse](#) for eligibility requirements.