

## APRIL

- Review college responses and aid offers with parents and counselors.
- Visit as many colleges as possible to help you make your final decision.
- Make final decision – send deposit by May 1st.
- Notify other schools that you will not be attending.

## MAY

- A.P. exams
- Fill out dorm forms
- Check arrangements for any college loans.
- Send original, signed SAR to your chosen college.

## JUNE

- Graduation!
- Submit final transcript request envelopes for colleges which require them.
- Finalize summer plans.

## SUMMER

- Enjoy yourself! You deserve it! Good luck!



## HOW TO GET GOOD GRADES

- Believe in yourself.
- To succeed, you must first believe you can.
- Be organized.
- Use three ring notebook for class notes.
- Be successful in class.
- Sit in front when possible.
- Be in school, on time, every day.
- Be prepared for each class.
- Always do your homework.
- Take good notes.
- Take notes to help you pay attention.
- Go over your notes as soon as possible.
- Read with a purpose.
- Start studying early.

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## COLLEGE READINESS CALENDAR

# SENIORS



## MONTH TO MONTH CALENDER

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## **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

- Register (online) early for Oct. or Nov. SAT/ACT. Use college codes when registering – (one code for all CUNY colleges – 2950)
- Extracurricular/community activities- Get Involved! Develop your interests.
- Consider your responsibilities if applying Early Decision/Early Action. See your school's college counselor immediately.
- The College Office provides computers, instruction and assistance with completing all applications.
- Begin drafts of essays.
- Plan college visits and interviews (remember thank you letters).
- Attend your local college fairs.

## **OCTOBER**

- Review for SAT/ACT– take exams
- Review your transcript for errors
- Attend Martin Van Buren's college fair
- Ask teachers for recommendations, use form from the College Office, Room 146.
- Begin filling out applications
- Be aware of deadlines if applying Early Decision/Action. Pick up CSS Financial Aid Form, in College Office, if your colleges require it.
- Register for the December SAT/ACT. Use college codes on registration form (CUNY code=2950).

- Attend your school's Financial Aid Night.
- Complete your FAFSA (Financial Aid)
- Finalize college list ( between 6-12 choices)
- Attend Van Buren's Parent College Information Night.
- Finish all draft applications and essays.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Take the SAT/ACT. Be sure you used your colleges' codes to send scores.
- File FAFSA form as soon as possible AFTER October 1.
- Keep organized and up to date!
- Submit completed college/scholarship applications to your school's college office.
- Request information about scholarships and financial aid from your target colleges.
- Check/apply for private outside scholarships.
- Remember: College/scholarship applications are due to College Office 2 weeks in advance of any deadline.
- Applications for highly selective colleges may be due earlier. Compile a list of highly selective colleges.
- Finish all draft applications and essays.

## **DECEMBER**

- SAT/ACT– Take exams/send scores.
- Submit ALL remaining applications to College Office by the appropriate deadline

- Talk to graduates who are home from college.

## **JANUARY**

- If your college requests them, submit mid-year grade request forms and envelopes to the college office.
- KEEP COPIES OF ALL FORMS YOU SUBMIT.
- See your high school's college counselor if you would like to schedule a college interview.

## **FEBRUARY**

- Check the deadline for A.P. exams.
- If you are planning to attend college in the state of NY, file a TAP application.

## **MARCH**

- Continue search for scholarships. Try places of worship, parents' employers and websites.
- Contact your college's financial aid office. Ask what else you need to do to maintain financial aid eligibility.
- HAND IN COPIES OF ALL OFFERS OF ADMISSION & SCHOLARSHIPS to the college office.

