

Staying on Track – Senior Year

July and August

- Begin working on essays for college admissions and scholarships.
- Continue researching and exploring your post-secondary options.
- Plan to re-visit campuses to find the one that fits your unique personality and goals.
- Begin applying for scholarships. Visit the counseling department website at <http://edhscounseling.weebly.com/> for an extensive list of scholarship websites. Register with free scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com.
- Think about teachers who know you well to write you a letter of recommendation.
- Any athletes planning to play college sports should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaa.org.

September

- Keep track of and pay close attentions to deadlines!
- Compile your narrowed down list of college/post-secondary options.
- Begin filling out college applications online. Register at www.parchment.com to send your transcripts directly to colleges.
- Register for fall ACT/SAT exams (if applicable.)
- Register to retake the MME (if applicable.)
- Formally ask teachers from your junior year for letters of recommendation if needed. Provide them with a list of your academic and personal accomplishments. Give them 3-4 weeks to complete the letter. Write thank you letters to these teachers.
- Athletes will need to submit NCAA application to the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Continue searching for scholarships.
- Meet with your counseling to check on your credit status.

October

- Finalize college applications and send them in; keep track of these deadlines! Remember – the earlier you apply the better.
- Always keep a copy of your application to keep in your college folder.
- Last chance to register and take the ACT/SAT.
- Search for scholarships!

November

- Complete any scholarship essays or college applications.
- Stay on top your grades!
- Continue searching for scholarships.

December

- File any last minute applications.
- Take any necessary tests you may still need.
- Talk to your parents about financial aid and gather tax information for the application process.
- Strive for the best grades you can! Colleges have the right to rescind your admission if your senior grades are not up to their standards or they see a decline!

January

- Attend EDHS's Financial Aid Night with your parents on January 20th at 7.

- After January 1st you can apply online for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid.) An estimated income tax statement can be used. Make sure to complete and submit this form online by mid-February. **The earlier you apply to better your chances are.**
 - Please visit the counseling department website for resources on affording college and the FAFSA.

February

- Monitor applications to make sure that all required material has been submitted.
- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) noting your eligibility for financial aid award.
- If not completed, finalize FAFSA.
- Continue searching for scholarships.

March

- Beware of the dreaded ***SENIORITIS!***
- Make sure you have received a FAFSA acknowledgement.

April

- Review the acceptances and financial aid offerings of your top-choice schools.
- Determine cost of attendance for schools to decide if a student loan is needed.

May

- Decide what college you want to attend! Notify the school of your choice and send in the required deposit by May 1st.
- Notify any colleges you have decided not to attend.
- Finalize with your counselor that EDHS sends final grades, class rank and proof of graduation to your college.
- Complete housing and meal applications if applicable.
- Honors Night
- Graduation!