

senior year Monthly Punch List

This list contains general timeline items to help pace yourself. Look for important *Milestones and make sure you get these done!

AUGUST

- Review this planning guide.
- *Review your Transcript and Four Year Plan. Learn to identify and find important information for applications on your transcript.
- Take elective courses that will prepare you for your career choice, college major or let you earn a certification.
- Complete portfolio pages Prior Awards, Service Work, or Job Experience. This information is needed for college and scholarship applications.

SEPTEMBER

- Register for SAT/ACT if needed. Check your College Board account - learn how to send SAT scores to colleges.
- Create or update *Apply Texas account and apply to Palo Alto College and other colleges of your choice
- Write college essays (Have an English teacher or someone review your essay)
- If applying for Early Decision to college watch application deadlines
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation - use the brag sheet.
- Make reservations for college visits and then make the trip!
- Check college websites for deadlines for things like applications for housing on campus

OCTOBER

- Register for November SAT or December ACT if needed
- Request official transcripts be sent to colleges you've applied to using form from counseling office
- Keep working on essays and applications, meeting with college reps and visiting colleges.
- Search out and complete scholarship applications
- *Complete FAFSA application

NOVEMBER

- *Take TSI test if previously untested, unfinished or a better score is needed.
- Register (last chance) for the December ACT and/or SAT exams
- Pay attention to all private college application deadlines
- Work on organization of all accounts and passwords, test score reports, copies of application and financial aid
- Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges through www.collegeboard.com
- Watch for scholarships added to the JHS Career Center Scholarship website

Report any college *acceptances and decisions or military decisions to the Career Lab when they happen!



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DECEMBER

**Submit FAFSA Waiver or provide proof of FAFSA is completed.*

Visit college campuses over winter break

Apply for scholarships

Finish applications for private colleges

Expect notification of early college decision acceptance/deferral by December 15th.

JANUARY

Continue to research Scholarship and loan opportunities

Research career options and make a list of

**Tell Mrs. Tullos about college acceptances when they happen for you. Share what your decision is about Enlistments, Internships, Colleges and other formal plans... let's celebrate! (Get your name on the bboard in the senior hall!)*

FEBRUARY

Make sure you have one or make a job resume.

MARCH

Attend Job/Career Fair. Bring at copies of your resume. Ask potential employers about tuition reimbursement
Register for New Student Orientations with your college and complete Advising Requirements so that you can register for college classes!

APRIL

If you haven't already, select your school and make steps to attend the school of your choice.

Finalize plans for housing, financial aid and/or scholarships

Meet in person or virtually with your college admission counselor or recruiter to make sure you are on track!

MAY

Notify the CCMR Director of your final school choice and any scholarships you have been awarded

Request final official transcripts from Counseling office.

