

# Junior year

## College Prep Activities and Junior Year Functions



### **AUGUST**

- Make sure you're on track with credits.
- Review your high school courses and activities. Colleges look for challenging course work, strong grades and extracurricular activities.
- Organize Friday Pizza Days for Prom funds.
- Meet with college admissions people as they come to LHS.

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Class Ring order handed out.
- Browse college catalogs and guidebooks and surf the Web for information.
- List 10 colleges you would like to attend.
- Talk to your parents and high school guidance counselor about that list to narrow it down.
- Study for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).
- Plan to attend college fairs and parents' nights in your area.

### **OCTOBER**

- Order Class Ring.
- Take the PSAT (at LHS).
- Research Advanced Placement (AP) or college courses you might take.
- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors. You may need to apply for them the summer after your junior year.
- Attend College Night.

### **NOVEMBER**

- Learn about eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans.
- Talk as a family about how much you can afford to spend for your education.

### **JANUARY**

- Plan for the next round of tests: the SAT and the ACT.
- Attend financial aid nights in your area.

### **FEBRUARY**

- Investigate private scholarships and other aid programs. Check with your parents' employers, local membership organizations or programs related to your intended course of study.
- Register for the SAT and/or ACT.

### **MARCH**

- Visit the three to six schools on your final list. Schedule an admissions interview and an overnight stay. Take time at each school's financial aid office to collect information.
- Begin preparing essays for admission and scholarship applications.
- Take the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Mark your calendar with the dates for future tests.

### **MAY**

- Take the SAT and/or the ACT.
- Mark your calendar with the dates for future tests.
- Make sure your Senior year schedule finalizes all credits needed for graduation.

### **JUNE**

- Continue researching organizations that award scholarships to graduating seniors. You may need to apply for them the summer after your junior year.

*For specific details and dates, please continue to read Hoofbeats, check Daily Announcements and Special Events emails, visit our website and Facebook and receive messages from Twitter.*



# College Prep Activities and Senior Year Deadlines!

## **AUGUST**

- Make calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines.
- Begin sending college applications.
- Make sure schedule has all needed credits to graduate.
- All year check Daily Announcements for scholarship opportunities.

## **SEPTEMBER**

- Have your Senior Picture taken.
- Meet with college admissions representatives visiting LHS.
- Ask teachers, guidance counselors and other adults who know you for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications.
- Continue sending out college applications.
- Graduation announcements, cap and gown order forms handed out.

## **OCTOBER**

- Use Testing Day at LHS to work on college applications.
- Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Work on admissions application essays.
- Revisit your top school choices. Talk face to face with current students and faculty members at those schools.
- Continue to seek and apply for scholarship awards from a variety of sources.
- Attend College Fair night.
- Turn in graduation announcement and cap and gown order form.

## **NOVEMBER**

- Take the SAT or ACT if necessary
- Obtain financial aid applications from your colleges of choice.
- Continue sending out applications for colleges and scholarships.

## **DECEMBER**

- Gather the data needed for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Continue to work hard at academics.

## **JANUARY**

- Submit your completed FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible.
- Seniors organize Friday Pizza Days for class trip funds.

## **FEBRUARY**

- Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.
- Plan for AP exams.

## **MARCH**

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents and family.
- Look for letter about all important graduation dates, times and locations.

## **APRIL**

- Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- Choose a school and send in a deposit by the deadline.
- Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete.
- Seniors will receive graduation announcements and cap and gown.
- Senior Retreat.

## **MAY**

- Take AP examinations.
- Write thank yous to the people who wrote you letters of recommendation.
- Celebrate your high school graduation!

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