2016-2017 Senior Class College Planner

ALL YEAR

- Finalize college list.
- Update Family Connection.
- Review college applications & their requirements.
- Compare college requirements to your GPA, rank, & scores.
- Review transcript, grades & credits one more time.

YOU ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING ALL THE COURSES YOU NEED FOR GRADUATION.

- Notify your counselor immediately if you discover a credit you are lacking.
- Meet with college representatives who visit CHS. Check Family Connection for list of colleges scheduled.
- Make copies of every college or scholarship application you submit.
- Student athletes: Register with NCAA Eligibility Center if pursuing college athletics.

SEPTEMBER

- Submit college applications as early as possible to avoid the rush in Nov.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors and/or employers (one month in advance) IF REQUIRED.
- Attend **College Fair** on September 21st at Heritage HS from 6-8 PM.
- Register for SAT/ACT or SAT Subject tests if needed.
- ACT is September 10th .
- Senior transcripts with updated rank & GPA available mid-September.
- Make sure you have registered with NCAA Eligibility Center if you plan to participate in college athletics.
- Chances are you will have to submit at least one essay as part of each application. Start to develop an outline this month.
- Log on to Family Connection and list colleges you are applying to.
- Review SAT II Subject test requirements for your colleges (many do not require).

OCTOBER

- Complete FAFSA forms & file after Oct. 1, 2016 using 2015 Income Tax Return, W-2, and income records for 2015 and/or other financial records. Do not wait to file FAFSA until you are admitted to the college. Check applications for any errors to avoid delays.
- Check on housing arrangements at your college.
- Complete final essays & admission procedures necessary for applications, including housing.
- Conduct scholarship search.
- Watch deadlines and work on applications.
- SAT is October 1st.
- ACT is October 22nd.
- File early action/early decision applications (if applicable).

NOVEMBER

- Continue scholarship search; utilize information on Family Connection & websites.
- Submit all applications before Thanksgiving!
- SAT is November 5th.
- Senior meeting for cap and gown is November 3rd.
- UT and A&M application deadline is December 1st.
- FEF scholarship application opens online at 10:00 AM on Nov. 28th.

DECEMBER

- Complete any Texas Tech/UT correspondence courses by winter break.
- Get 2nd semester schedule adjusted for courses you may need to graduate.
- Verify that cap, gown and announcements are ordered.
- Confirm any mid-year reports needed with your counselor if requested by your college.
- SAT is December 3rd.
- ACT is December 10th.
- FEF scholarship application closes at 4:00 PM Dec 16th.
- Complete any applications that have a Jan 1 deadline by Dec 23rd.
 Winter break is Dec 24th Jan 3rd.
 No documents will be sent during this window.

JANUARY

- LAST CHANCE FOR YOU TO CHECK CREDITS FOR GRADUATION. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR ASAP IF LACKING ANY CREDITS.
- PARENTS: File IRS returns early to determine financial aid eligibility.
- KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING!

FEBRUARY

- Verify online or by phone that all required forms have arrived at your choice colleges.
- Verify that financial aid forms have been completed and mailed.
- Watch your mail/email for college decisions.
- Continue scholarship search.
- Mid-year reports mailed to colleges by counselors.
- New GPA and rank posted to Family Connection..
- Verify name for diploma.
- Register for AP Tests.

MARCH

- Check final plans for housing at your college/university. Don't forget your deposit.
- Make sure you have turned in everything required for admissions & financial aid, i.e., medical forms.
- Watch for award letters from colleges where you have applied for aid. Respond by the deadline.
- Make final decisions on which college to attend. Send in paperwork & deposits by the deadlines.
- Notify other colleges where you applied but will not attend.
- Cap and Gown delivery March 21st

APRIL

- Complete follow-up paperwork for admissions, housing, orientation, financial aid, medical exams, etc.
- AP Pre-Administration sessions are April 11th after school and April 12th before school.
- New rank run to determine val/sal/honor grads.
- Most selective colleges announce admission decisions.
- Complete Graduation Survey (provide final college choice, scholarships received, and request final transcript).
- Check college orientation schedules.
- Final diploma verification.

MAY/JUNE

- Prom May 6th
- AP exams
- Register for TSI test if attending a Texas school unless you are exempt.
- Attend summer orientation for college registration.
- Follow up on financial aid awards if you haven't heard anything yet.
- Request your final transcript to your college of choice.
- FEF Scholarship Night- May 4th
- Senior Awards Night- May 16th
- Top Ten Luncheon- May 17th
- Graduation June 2nd/3rd (TBA)

Congratulations Grads!

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Thursday, November 3-11:55-12:20, Senior Graduation Presentation in the Auditorium Tuesday, November 8- 12:20-2:40, Grad Orders in the Auditorium Foyer Wednesday, November 9-12:20-6:30, Grad Orders in the Auditorium Foyer

Tuesday, March 21- 9am-12 Set-up for Senior Delivery in the Auditorium Foyer Tuesday, March 21- 12:00-5, Senior Grad Delivery (Larry has notes that we should leave ALL orders at the end, balances and no balance)

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