

2015-2016 Senior Class College Planner

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL YEAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Finalize college list. ♦ Update Family Connection. ♦ Review college applications & their requirements. ♦ Compare college requirements to your GPA, rank, & scores. ♦ Review transcript, grades & credits <u>one more time.</u> <p style="text-align: center;">YOU ARE ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING ALL THE COURSES YOU NEED FOR GRADUATION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Notify your counselor immediately if you discover a credit you are lacking. ♦ Meet with college representatives who visit our school. See who is coming in Family Connection. ♦ Make copies of every college or scholarship application you submit. ♦ Student athletes: File with NCAA Clearinghouse if pursuing college athletics. 	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST/SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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). ♦ Attend College Fair on Sept 23rd at Independence HS from 6-8 PM. ♦ Register for SAT/ACT or SAT II if needed. ♦ ACT is September 12th ♦ Rank & GPA available mid-Sept. ♦ Make sure you have registered with NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to participate in college athletics. (See link on Family Connection.) ♦ 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 complete My Colleges. ♦ Review SAT II – Subject test requirements for some colleges. ♦ Jostens will provide cap, gown, & announcement information this month. 	<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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 3rd ♦ ACT is October 24th ♦ File early action/early decision applications (if applicable). ♦ Bring back official documentation of proof of visit to college campus. 	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Continue scholarship search; utilize information on Family Connection & web sites. ♦ Mail all applications before Thanksgiving! ♦ SAT is November 7th ♦ Register for a Pin # for FAFSA at www.pin.ed.gov (Parent and Student numbers are required to complete application). FAFSA is the federal form for financial aid. 	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ To file a FAFSA, you will need: 2015 Income Tax Return, W-2 and income records for 2014 and/or other financial records. ♦ Do not submit FAFSA before Jan. 1, 2016. ♦ Complete any Texas Tech correspondence courses by Spring Break. ♦ Get 2nd semester schedule adjusted for courses you may need to graduate. ♦ Verify that cap, gown and announcements are ordered. ♦ Provide mid-year reports to your counselor if requested by your college. ♦ Apply online for FEF scholarships at the FISD website. ♦ SAT is December 5th ♦ ACT is December 12th
<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ LAST CHANCE FOR YOU TO CHECK CREDITS FOR GRADUATION. SEE YOUR COUNSELOR ASAP IF LACKING ANY CREDITS. ♦ Complete FAFSA forms & file after Jan. 1, 2016. Do not wait to file FAFSA until you are admitted to the college. Check applications for any errors to avoid delays. ♦ <u>PARENTS:</u> File IRS returns early to determine financial aid eligibility. ♦ SAT is January 23rd ♦ KEEP COPIES OF EVERYTHING! 	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Verify that all required forms have arrived at your choice colleges by telephone or on-line. ♦ Verify that financial aid forms have been completed and mailed. ♦ Watch the mail for college decisions. ♦ Continue scholarship search. ♦ Take the TSI if applicable. ♦ Midyear reports mailed to colleges by counselors. ♦ New GPA and rank available. ♦ Complete diploma verification. ♦ Register for AP Exams ♦ ACT is February 6th 	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Check final plans for housing at your college/university. Don't forget your deposit. ♦ Make sure you turned in everything required for admissions & financial aid, i.e., medical forms. ♦ Watch for award letters from colleges where you applied for aid. <u>Respond by the deadline.</u> ♦ Make final decisions on which college to attend. Send in paperwork & deposits <u>by the deadlines.</u> ♦ Notify other colleges where you applied but will not attend. ♦ Cap, gown & announcements for graduation are delivered. ♦ Register for AP Tests. ♦ SAT (if still needed) March 5th 	<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Complete follow-up paperwork for admissions, housing, orientation, financial aid, medical exams, etc. ♦ Keep a file of college paperwork. ♦ Most selective colleges announce admission decisions. ♦ AP Pre-Administration session this month. ♦ New GPA and rank available to determine Val/Sal/Honor Grads. ♦ Complete the Graduation Survey on Family Connection to inform counselors of your final college choice and scholarships received and request final transcript. ♦ Check college orientation schedules. ♦ Final diploma verification. ♦ Prom (TBA per campus) 	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY/JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ AP exams. ♦ Register for the 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. ♦ Verify your final transcript request at Family Connection (TBA per campus). ♦ FEF Scholarship Night May 2016 ♦ Awards Night (TBA per campus) ♦ Top 10 Luncheon ♦ Graduation!!!!!!!!!!!! <p style="text-align: center;">Congratulations Grad!</p>