

# SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

*Use this checklist to help keep track of deadlines*

## GET PREPARED FOR COLLEGE – summer/start of school year

- Finalize personal essays and/or resumes
- Research college application and scholarship deadlines to create a timeline
- Register for SAT/ACT if you need a final attempt before college applications
- Follow NCAA requirements if playing college sports (communicate with coaches)
- Check out the FAFSA (federal financial aid) form and gather info (opens in October)
- Finalize your college list in Naviance/Common App and start college applications (August)

## OR DISCUSS YOUR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL PLANS WITH YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

\*\*\*Check out the counseling pages for info on these successful paths\*\*\*

MILITARY – meet recruiters, take the ASVAB, complete the medical exam

EMPLOYMENT – build a resume, job shadow, interview, secure a job, build your own business

GAP YEAR/INTERNSHIP – volunteer, get a certificate in a specific career field, travel for work

APPRENTICESHIP/TECHNICAL SCHOOL – research and apply early

## FALL

- Sign up for your IGP
- Search for scholarships and apply
- Schedule your senior/yearbook pictures
- Submit the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) as soon after October 1 as possible
- Make a plan to complete your final community service hours (25 total)
- Attend senior meetings, athlete signing days, etc. (**check emails often!**)
- Complete college applications in Common App or via college websites
- Request transcripts through Naviance (helpful guidelines on the Senior Page)
- Send teacher letter of recommendation requests via email and Naviance (if colleges want one)
- Check schedule and credit audit to be sure you have **ALL required courses** for graduation (S1)

## WINTER/EARLY SPRING

- Keep up your grades
- Order your yearbook and cap and gown package
- Keep track of financial aid deadlines and other college requirements
- Email college acceptance letters and scholarship award info to Mrs. Peirano
- Watch for the Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA (**review for accuracy**)
- Request midyear transcripts for colleges through Naviance, if required by your colleges
- Check schedule and credit audit to be sure you have **ALL required courses** for graduation (S2)

## SPRING

- Attend athlete signing days and senior meetings
- Pick your college and complete the checklist, then secure housing
- Request your college transcript from Trident for your future college
- Complete the senior forms and check out process (**check emails often!**)
- Request a final transcript for your college of choice via Naviance (end of semester)

## KEEP UP YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS!!!

Check out OCA's senior page (<https://www.oceansidecollegiateacademy.org/senior-page>) for resources