

Your Senior Year

Fall Checklist - August through December

- Make sure you continue to meet high school graduation and college admission requirements.
- Organize and record relevant dates on a calendar so you can plan your year more efficiently.
- Register for the Advanced Placement (AP) tests, if needed.
- Make copies of your admissions and financial aid forms. Practice filling them out before doing the final one.
- Meet with visiting recruiters from the schools that interest you.
- Arrange visits to schools you are considering and schedule admissions interviews if required.
- Make the final preparation of your portfolios, audition tapes, writing samples, or other evidence of talent required for admission and/or for scholarships. Finalize your resume to send with your applications.
- Submit your college admissions applications. Watch out for deadlines.
- Talk with your parents about what type budget you'll be on your freshman year.
- Take or retake the ACT or SAT.
- Keep records of everything you submit.
- Identify at least two of the following to write solid recommendation forms for you: a teacher, an extracurricular advisor, a counselor, a principal, or an employer. Give the recommendation forms to teachers, counselors, etc. at least one month before they are due. Follow up on the progress of these recommendations.
- If seeking athletic scholarships, contact the coaches from the schools you are considering and include a resume of your accomplishments.
- If you plan to fill out the FAFSA online to be considered for financial aid, you and one of your parents will need to apply for a PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov.

