

12th Grade Year TRANSITION

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| Guidance Curriculum | Individual Senior Interview Post-secondary Plans Survey Fall college fair February Financial Aid Meeting- Evening |
| Assessments | ACT: no later than September/October, student responsible for registration SAT: no later than September/October, student responsible for registration |
| Advisory Topics | Educational Development Plan Update College Applications FAFSA/PROFILE/Financial Aid scholarship searches application processes financial aid |
| Moral Focus Topics | <u>8 Strengths of Character</u> Lifelong learner and critical thinker Diligent and capable performer Social and emotionally skilled person Ethical thinker Respectful and Responsible Moral Agent Self-disciplined person who pursues a healthy lifestyle Contributing community member and democratic citizen <u>Spiritual person engaged in a life of noble purpose</u> |
| Other Activities | College Visits: _____ 1. _____ 2. _____ Vocation Day Speakers: 1. _____ 2. _____ Job Shadow Volunteer: Approx. 15 hrs |

All Year

- ✓ Save samples of best academic work
- ✓ Maintain a record of all extracurricular and co-curricular activities
- ✓ Volunteer
- ✓ Earn strong grades
- ✓ Read, read, read
- ✓ Save money for college
- ✓ Apply for scholarships
- ✓ Track applications (Ms. Timmer can provide a form to use)
- ✓ Notify Ms. Timmer of any college acceptances and decisions, as well as scholarship awards

Senior Year Checklist

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| August | | Select Challenging Courses |
| September | | Set up 1:1 meeting with Ms. Timmer |
| | | Attend Grand Rapids area college fair |
| | | Check and confirm application deadlines |
| | | Request any remaining letters of recommendation |
| | | Confirm scholarship deadlines |
| October | | Complete CSS Profile |
| | | Retake any remaining college entrance exams Complete all Early Action and Early Decision applications Have official test scores sent to the schools to which you have applied |
| November | | Finalize all college applications |
| | | Complete CSS Profile |
| December | | Register for a FAFSA pin number Monitor Applications |
| January | | Complete FAFSA |
| February | | Request first semester transcript be sent to colleges and universities Review FAFSA SAR |
| March | | Attend spring visit programs for colleges and universities |
| April | | Finalize college choice |
| | | Submit enrollment deposit |
| May | | Notify other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college |
| | | Take AP tests for all AP classes |
| June/July/August | | Prepare for the transition to college |
| | | Request a final transcript be sent to your college or university |
| | | Create a college budget Attend Orientation |
| | | Complete housing information |