Your Senior Year: Commitment Making it Happen

This is it! Your last year of public high school! You have laid the plans for your next step in this process…your post-high school career. While this year is filled with fun, friends and "being a senior" do not lose sight of your goals. Colleges still want to see a strong academic performance and will be requesting final transcripts in January and June.

REMINDER: When you turn 18:
- All 18 year old citizens should register to vote
- All male citizens are required to register for the draft

August:
- Register for fall ACT/SAT Tests, if necessary
- Sign up in your CRC to meet with college representatives
- Plan any last college visits
- Compile your final list of schools

September:
- Ask appropriate teachers to write letters of recommendation for your applications
- Write thank-you letters to these teachers
- If applying early decision, submit application to the counseling office for processing and prepare applications for back-up schools
- Submit NCAA application to counseling office

October:
- Take any tests you have registered for
- Do not be late! Keep track of all deadlines for applications, recommendations, transcripts, etc.
- Attend any regional college fairs in the area
- Gather information for college applications
- Start sending out all school applications. Neatness counts! Be sure they are completely filled out, and always keep a copy for your file!

November:
- Be sure that you have requested ACT/SAT scores be sent to your colleges of choice
- Complete and submit all post-secondary school applications
- Keep copies of anything sent for your file
- Keep your grades up!

December:
- File any last minute application(s)
- Early decision application notification should be arriving now
- Take any necessary tests
- Pick up your FAFSA Form from the CRC
- Sign up for February ACT (if necessary)

January:
- Send in your FAFSA after January 1st via the Web or US mail. An estimated income tax statement (which can be corrected later) can be used. The sooner you apply the better your chances
- Do not mail FAFSA before January 01; they will throw it out!

February:
- Be sure your mid-term report has gone out to the schools to which you've applied
- Let the schools know of any new honors, awards or accomplishments that were not in your original application
- Monitor applications to make sure all materials are sent and received on time

March:
- Register for any Advanced Placement (AP) Tests you might take
- Be sure you have received a FAFSA acknowledgement
- Central High Scholarship applications may be picked up from the registrar

April:
- Review the acceptances and financial aid offers of your top-choice schools
- Notify your college of choice that you have accepted its offer and send in your deposit by May 1