

This is a big year for you. Be sure to avoid 'senioritis' and keep working hard. Remember, colleges will look at your fall and spring semester grades.



September

- Build your college list: include safety, target and reach schools
- Create a final résumé that includes your summer activities and new or continued club/team activities.
- Put the schools you are applying to in Naviance
- Start your CommonApplication and any other applications
- Start your college essays
- Determine if you need to take the SAT or ACT again, pick a date and register
- Link Naviance and Common Application accounts
- Ask for letters of recommendations from teachers and counselors (be courteous and speak to them before you request in Naviance) and give them a MINIMUM of two weeks to complete. You are not the only senior applying to college at RHS!
- Figure out your application dates, early decision, early action, FSU, UF etc

October

- Complete the FASFA
- Complete CSS Profile (if needed)
- Double check Naviance and make sure your school list is accurate
- Keep working on applications
- Complete you Florida Financial Aid Application. (Needed for Bright Futures)
- Check on letters of recommendation so they can be submitted to the colleges of your choice.
- Finish all early applications. It does not hurt to submit early:)

November

- Submit applications by deadline.
- Check that colleges received all materials: application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.

December

- Submit applications by deadline.
- Check that colleges received all materials: application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.
- Start looking for and applying for scholarship.

January-May

- Submit applications by deadline.
- Check that colleges received all materials: application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.
- Maintain your second semester grades and beware of senioritis/laziness. Colleges can rescind their acceptances if your grades plummet drastically.
- Admission letters begin arriving. Watch for them in the mail and online!
- Visit all colleges that have offered you admission.
- Compare financial aid packages.
- Make a final choice of the college you will attend. (This date may vary by institution, so know the correct date).

General Tips

- Use the handbook you were given last year. It has dates, places to go for information and helpful hints.
- Get a journal and write down all your log in information for different sites. It is very helpful to have all the logins in one place.
- Attend college fairs in your area.
- Talk to people whose opinions you respect about the schools you are considering.
- Go stay with friends who are in college. Find out what they like and dislike.
- Check CANVAS, information from the school is posted on a regular basis.
- Ms DeBoskey just posted the SUS matrix on CANVAS for this year.
- Remember, give counselors and teachers AT LEAST two weeks for recommendations.
- The better you do on your brag sheet the better your references will be, you can print and attached your Naviance resume.
- If you are eligible you can get application and testing fee waivers from your counselor.
- To stay on top of application, financial aid, scholarship, admissions test and other deadlines, create a calendar for yourself, whether it is hard-copy calendar posted on your wall or using an app on your phone.