

PRE-COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Spring of Junior Year

- ☐ Conduct intensive research on colleges and universities
- ☐ Attend local college fairs
- ☐ Visit colleges (utilize April vacation)
- ☐ Begin college interviews (where appropriate)
- ☐ Register and take the SAT Reasoning Test (May or June) and/or the ACT exams (June)
- ☐ Take SAT Subject Test in June, if suggested by college entrance requirements
- ☐ Discuss possible letters of recommendations for colleges with at least two teachers
- ☐ Discuss post high school plans with your guidance counselor (Junior Interview)

Summer into Senior Year

- ☐ If you travel this summer, consider scheduling a college visit
- ☐ Request college applications
- ☐ Begin a draft to your college application essay
- ☐ Begin a draft of your activities resume
- ☐ Obtain a summer job that might be related to your career interests.
- ☐ If possible, save some money from your summer job to help pay for college costs.
- ☐ Read a variety of books and magazines and review your math skills over the summer. This will help prepare you for the SAT exam if you plan to take it again in the fall.

Fall of Senior Year

- ☐ Register for October, November and/or December ACT, SAT Reasoning Test and/or Subject Tests (if appropriate)
- ☐ Visit colleges and schedule interviews
- ☐ Request college applications
- ☐ **APPLYING EARLY ACTION OR EARLY DECISION?** You **MUST** notify your guidance counselor of your intention to apply early action/decision **BEFORE** October 1st
- ☐ Senior Interviews are scheduled upon completion of the Student Questionnaire on a first come, first serve basis
- ☐ **WATCH DEADLINES!** Students must **ALLOW A MINIMUM OF TWO WEEKS (10 SCHOOL DAYS)** for **GUIDANCE MATERIALS (OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT, ETC) TO BE PROCESSED AND MAILED TO COLLEGES**
- ☐ Determine Financial Aid requirements at each college and register for the CSS Profile, if applicable (further information available on-line at www.collegeboard.com)
- ☐ Obtain Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Winter of Senior Year

- ☐ Attend Financial Aid Night at KP in December
- ☐ Mail FAFSA on or soon after January 1st
- ☐ Update colleges of any financial or academic changes, if appropriate

Spring of Senior Year

- ☐ Visit colleges **BEFORE** making any final decisions
- ☐ Notify Guidance Office of college decision
- ☐ Notify all colleges of decision to attend or not to attend before May 1st
- ☐ Register and take the SAT Subject Tests, if required by college for placement purposes