Senior Year College Preparation Checklist

**September:**
- Meet with your College Guide/College Advisor to talk about your post secondary plans
- Contact colleges to request information about their majors, housing, campus life, and tuition
- Register for the ACT or SAT. See your College Guide/College Advisor if you need a fee waiver
- Check college and scholarship application deadlines
- Attend Financial Aid workshop, see your College Guide/College Advisor for date/time
- Student athletes should register and update their information on NCAA and talk to their coaches
- If you are interested in entering the armed forces, contact a recruiter for the branch you are interested in
  - if you need help with this, see your College Guide/College Advisor or Guidance Counselor
- Create your FSAID so you can complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible

**October:**
- FAFSA opens **October 1st** – complete with 2016 taxes, both yours and your parents, at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Try to complete as soon as possible to ensure the maximum amount of financial aid
- Take the ACT/SAT – ACT is October 28th and SAT is October 7th
- Begin applying to colleges – try to pick at least 3: 1st choice, 2nd choice, and a safety school
- Attend College Application workshop, see your College Guide/Advisor for date/time

**November:**
December 1st is the deadline for college applications to be considered for any scholarships the college may hand out – if you need help getting these done please see your College Guide/College Advisor

- If you haven’t completed the FAFSA-complete it
- Take the SAT – November 4th

**December:**

- Take the ACT or SAT if you haven’t already – ACT is December 9th and SAT is December 2nd
- If you haven’t chosen a school continue applying
- Continue working on scholarship applications – complete at least 2 over winter break

**January:**

- Ensure completion of FAFSA with your College Guide/College Advisor
- Retrieve and show college acceptance letters to your College Guide/College Advisor
- You can still work on scholarships! Ask your College Guide/College Advisor about the MVCAP scholarship

**February:**

- Take the ACT test – February 10th
- FAFSA priority deadline is **February 15th, 2018** – you must have it completed by this date in order to be considered for the full Pell Grant amount
- Continue scholarship applications

**March:**

- Check your Student Aid Report with your College Guide/College Advisor to ensure accuracy
- Take the SAT test- March 10th

**April:**

- Watch for college Financial Aid Award letters in the mail and bring them to your College Guide/College Advisor or Guidance Counselor to work through them – watch out for loans built into the total award
- Make your final decision on which college you are attending and send in your acceptance, sign up for orientation, and send in the housing deposit
- Continue scholarship applications – MVCAP scholarship is due May 1st

**May:**

- MVCAP scholarship due May 1st
- Complete scholarship applications
- Complete and finalize transcript forms in order to send them to your final college choice
- Enjoy Graduation and Summer Vacation!