

TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

Class of 2019

August

1. College Bootcamp/ Senior parent Meeting: August 9, 2018

September

1. Counselors will start individual Senior meetings with students (beginning August 21, 2018) to discuss cumulative credits/diploma type, college applications/recommendations etc. Senior meeting in LC Auditorium will be during PTE on Tuesday, August 21st. All seniors will receive an information sheet about senior year and all activities/requirements/general information.

2. **Search out colleges online utilizing Naviance Student. Make arrangements to visit while school is in session.**

3. Sign up to take SAT in October, November, or December or ACT offered in October or December if necessary. **October test dates are more than likely too late to be considered for Early Decision/merit scholarships (November 1 deadline). Unless schools receive scores from College Board or ACT by Nov. 1, they will not count for scholarship consideration. Use "Prep Me" in Naviance to help prepare for the exam.

4. Sign up to take SAT II Subject Tests (if required by prospective schools).

5. Start filling out college applications either directly on the school's website or commonapp.org if you are applying to a Common App school(s). Go into Naviance (link found on high school website page) and log into your Naviance Student account. Select Colleges tab, then Colleges I'm Applying to. Add schools you will be applying to and request initial transcripts.

6. Meet with college representatives visiting Lake Central. These are posted in Naviance and are usually held on Main Street during lunch periods or in the library after school.

7. Check deadlines for college applications and plan accordingly.

8. Direct any questions regarding Naviance/Naviance Student to Mrs. Bereda in Guidance

October

1. Follow Guidance Twitter/ Instagram account for updated information.

2. FASFA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) opens up October 1 for financial aid. Everyone planning on going to college should have this filled out even if you do not think you will qualify for financial aid. Some universities/scholarships require that the FAFSA is filled out and submitted, or scholarship money can/will be withdrawn.

3. Check deadlines on college applications and plan accordingly. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, WRITTEN EVALUATIONS OR TRANSCRIPTS!**

4. For letters of recommendation, make sure to give teachers and/or counselors at least two weeks notice. Ask them personally, then request through Naviance Student. Remind them to use your "Resume" on Naviance to gather additional information about you for the letter.

5. Early Decision Candidates should complete college applications by November 1 deadline. We are on Fall Break October 25 and 26 (the Guidance office will be closed), so **any documentation that needs to be submitted by Lake Central (transcripts, written evaluations, letters of rec) need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, Oct. 17th** to ensure they will be sent/received in a timely manner.

6. Continue meeting with college representatives visiting Lake Central. Check daily announcements to see who will be here.

7. Take SAT/ACT if registered

8. Attend Regional College Fairs (dates to be announced)

November

1. Retake the SAT and/or ACT or take SAT II Subject Tests if required by your prospective colleges.

2. Check daily announcements for college representative visits and follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram for updates.

3. Make sure college applications are filled out online or mailed. (Early Decision Deadline is November 1, 2018); Flight Technology and Nursing deadlines are usually November 1 or November 15. It is **YOUR** responsibility to know the deadlines for your programs/colleges.

December

1. Retake SAT and/or ACT. Take the SAT II Subject Test if required by your prospective college.

2. Continue looking out for scholarship opportunities, and making sure prospective colleges have all needed information in order to make a decision regarding admittance. Follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram for updates.

3. Sign up for January SAT II subject tests for January if necessary

January and February

1. Check daily announcements for college representative visits and continue looking out for scholarship opportunities. Follow Twitter/Instagram for updates.
2. Make sure FAFSA form is filled out and submitted by March 10th Indiana deadline! If you fill out paper form, make sure it is mailed by end of February to ensure they receive it by March 10th.

February 15/March 1

These are dates that several universities/colleges are using as the final day that they will accept applications for the next school year.

March/April

1. Finalize college plans, send in housing and other deposits.
2. Decline, in writing, all college acceptance offers from schools which you have decided not to attend.
3. Receive Student Aid Report (from FAFSA or Profile); verify that all information is correct.
4. Follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram for updates.
5. Fill out scholarship survey about scholarships awarded from all universities you were accepted at.
6. Research university websites for important details. Make sure deposits are sent in to secure spot at college and/or housing

April/May

1. Respond to Financial Award letters and requests for further information.
2. Meet with counselor for final check on credits/graduation requirements.
3. Go into Naviance and complete your graduation survey. This will insure your final transcripts are sent there. If unsure, please name all of them you are considering as we can only send them electronically one time. After that...it will be mailed.

June

1. Graduation
2. Prepare for college
3. Enjoy your summer vacation!!

