

TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS

2020

August

1. College Bootcamp: August 7, 2019 Parent Meeting: TBA
2. Counselors will start individual Senior meetings with students (beginning approximately August 20th, 2019) to discuss cumulative credits/diploma type, college applications/recommendations etc. Senior meeting in LC Auditorium will be during PTE on Tuesday, August 20th. All seniors will receive an information sheet about senior year and all activities/requirements/general information.

September

1. Counselors will continue meetings with Seniors to discuss cumulative credits/diploma type, college applications/recommendations etc. It can take up to 6 weeks to get through all the seniors.
2. Search out colleges online utilizing Naviance Student. Visit college/university websites to gather information. Make arrangements to visit schools while in session.
3. Sign up to take the SAT in October, November, or December or ACT offered in September, October, or December. ***October test dates are more than likely too late to be considered for Early Decision scholarships with November 1st deadlines. Unless schools receive scores from College Board or ACT by Nov. 1, they will not count for merit scholarship consideration.
4. Sign up to take SAT II Subject Tests if required by prospective schools.
5. Start filling out college applications. Go to the college/university's website or to commonapp.org if you are applying to a Common App school. Go into Naviance (link available on high school main web page). Select "College" tab, then "Colleges I'm Applying To". Add schools you will be applying to and request transcripts. If you are waitlisted or deferred, you need to let Mrs. Bereda (ext. 2067) in Guidance know to submit your 7th semester transcripts.
6. For Letters of Recommendation, please give teachers/counselors a minimum of two weeks notice. That includes counselor required written evaluations for some applications on the Common App. Ask teachers/counselors personally first. Then for teachers, request them through Naviance (This will become available again mid-September. Until then follow the instructions on the email that was sent to you in August). Remind them to use your "Resume" on Naviance to gather additional information about you for the recommendation and ask your teacher to let you know when letter has been uploaded. Make sure you let Mrs. Bereda know when letter had been uploaded so she can submit it electronically to the prospective school. If she isn't notified, your letter will not be sent.

7. Meet with college representatives visiting Lake Central. Schedule of upcoming visits can be found under "College" tab in Family Connections (Naviance).
8. Check deadlines for college applications and plan accordingly.
9. Direct any questions regarding Naviance/Naviance. Student to Mrs. Bereda in Guidance

October

1. Check Naviance Student regularly to get information regarding scholarship opportunities and college representative visits. Follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram account for updated information. Attend Regional College Fairs.
2. Check deadlines on college applications and plan accordingly. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, WRITTEN EVALUATIONS OR TRANSCRIPTS!
3. Remember that for letters of recommendation, please give teachers/counselors a minimum of two weeks notice. That includes written evaluations for the Common App. Remind them to use your "Resume" on Naviance to gather additional information about you for the recommendation.
4. Early Decision Candidates should complete the college applications by November 1st deadline. We are on Fall Break October 24th and 25th so all transcript requests must be received no later than Wednesday, October 16th to ensure delivery in a timely manner. Remember it can take 4-6 weeks for colleges to upload transcripts! Be patient!
5. Re-take SAT/ACT if necessary. Remember to send scores to colleges/universities directly from the testing agency.
6. FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) forms for financial aid will be available. Everyone planning on attending college should have this filled out even if you do not think you will qualify. Some merit scholarships from colleges/universities require that FAFSA is filled out and submitted before scholarship money can/will be dispersed. FAFSA opens October 1st.
7. Cap/Gown/Announcement orders will be available through Herff Jones. Dates they will be at Lake Central are TBA. Order online as well: www.kingsley-inc.com. Any questions, call: 574-583-3420.
8. Yearbook Baby Ads: Must be done by October 23, 2019. Go into www.YearbookOrderCenter.com. Log in using school code 3361 and click on "Buy a Yearbook Ad" and build your baby ad.

November

1. Retake SAT/ACT or SAT Subject II tests if required by your prospective colleges.
2. Continue reading Senior Newsletters and checking daily announcements for college representative visits. Follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram for updates.

3. Make sure college applications are filled out online or mailed. It is YOUR responsibility to know the deadlines for your programs/colleges. (Early Decision Deadline in November 1, 2019; 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/ACT or SAT Subject II tests if required by your prospective colleges.
2. Continue reading Senior Newsletters and checking daily announcements for college representative visits and scholarship opportunities. Follow Guidance Twitter/Instagram for updates.
3. Sign up for January SAT II subject tests if necessary.

January/February/March

1. Complete and submit FAFSA forms. Deadlines will vary. It is your responsibility to what the deadlines are for the schools you are applying to. If you complete paper form, please allow extra time for mailing.
2. February 15th and March 1st are dates that several colleges/universities utilize as the final day that they will accept applications for the upcoming school year.

March/April/May

1. Finalize college plans, send in housing and other deposits.
2. Officially decline all college acceptance offers from schools which you have decided not to attend.
3. Meet with counselors for senior exit interview. While there, fill out survey about all scholarships offered as well as graduation survey on Naviance. When completing the graduation survey, you will be able to designate one school where your final transcripts will be sent. Make sure click on submit after locating the school from the drop down screen. Those transcripts will be sent no later than July 15, 2020.
4. Research university website for important details. Make sure deposits are sent in to secure spot at college and/or housing.
5. Graduation: May 31st at Lake Central

**Congratulations! You have made it through Lake Central
and are heading off to college. Best wishes for much
success in the next chapter of your life!**

