

# SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to help keep track of deadlines.

## SUMMER

- ☐ Request admissions information and catalogs from the target schools
- ☐ Know your college application and college scholarship deadlines (CommonApp opens August 1)
- ☐ Begin to gather information for the FAFSA
- ☐ Combine vacation plans with campus visits
- ☐ Start working on college application essays
- ☐ Start working on your Senior Profile located in Xello
- ☐ Attend Senior Night at AMHS
- ☐ Look at SAT and ACT testing schedules in advance to decide on your testing dates

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- ☐ Complete college applications
- ☐ Sign up for SAT and ACT tests and request scores be sent through the testing agency
- ☐ Start the search for scholarships
- ☐ Submit the FAFSA (fafsa.gov) as soon after October 1st as possible
- ☐ Submit a CSS (College Scholarship Service)/Financial Aid Profile, if required
- ☐ Ask for letters of recommendation
- ☐ Attend your IGP meeting with your school counselor

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- ☐ Continue to submit college applications, test scores, and transcripts
- ☐ Let your counselor know if you need your Quarter 1 Senior year grades sent

## JANUARY

- ☐ Fill out and submit additional college or state financial aid forms, if required
- ☐ Complete Palmetto Fellows Application if you meet the qualifying criteria (Due April 15th)
- ☐ Stay on top of financial aid deadlines

## FEBRUARY/MARCH

- ☐ Turn in scholarship awards and offers to your school counselor & let them know your decision
- ☐ If you decide on a school, send the deposit
- ☐ Watch for the Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA; review for accuracy
- ☐ Discuss special financial situations with the financial aid office

## APRIL/MAY

- ☐ Complete Senior Survey
- ☐ Review award letters carefully
- ☐ Decide on a school and send the deposit
- ☐ Review financing options; if a private student loan is needed, borrow responsibly
- ☐ Arrange housing

## JUNE/AUGUST

- ☐ Pay first tuition bill
- ☐ Start Packing!