

## **SENIOR YEAR “TO DO” LIST:**

Graduation will be here before you know it! There are many things you must do during your senior year. It's much easier to divide your “must do” list by semester:

### **Semester 1:**

- Take/Retake SAT/ACT if planning to attend a 4-year college or are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar in Sept, Oct and/or Nov.
- Apply to college choices preferably by Nov 1.
- Request transcripts through Parchment (HS Counseling website).
- Apply for available scholarships including Community Foundation (Dec 1-Jan 31) and Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship, if eligible (Aug 1-Sept 13) at [www.cfsouthernindiana.com](http://www.cfsouthernindiana.com). Majority are state and national at this time.
- Note all application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines for your college choices.
- Order senior supplies.
- Check credits. Make sure you are meeting all diploma requirements.
- Sign up for text messages through Remind ([rmd.at/2020chsgen](http://rmd.at/2020chsgen) on a desktop computer or to (480)725-2550 with the message @2020chsgen or to 81010 with the message @2020chsgen or open web browser on phone and go to [rmd.at/2020chsgen](http://rmd.at/2020chsgen), follow instructions and download the mobile app).
- Register with NCAA, NAIA, if necessary.
- Visit the College/Career Room in Guidance. Research colleges, careers, scholarships, etc. during CCR, teacher assistant, lunch, before or after school (upon request). College Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) beginning October 1. Deadline is Apr 15. Note some college deadlines are Mar 1. Student AND parent must register for an FSA ID prior to completing the FAFSA. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)).
- Attend College Goal Sunday on Nov 3, location TBD from 2-4 for free help completing FAFSA.
- Attend Financial Aid Night...TBD (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester)

### **Semester 2:**

- Apply for scholarships, including Community Foundation at [www.cfsouthernindiana.com](http://www.cfsouthernindiana.com). (The majority of local scholarships become available.)
- Meet college/scholarship/financial aid deadlines of chosen college.
- Complete online courses by May 1, if necessary.
- Attend College Goal Sunday on Feb 23 location TBD from 2-4 for free help completing FAFSA, if not complete.
- Visit the College/Career Room in Guidance. Research colleges, careers, scholarships, etc. during CCR, teacher assistant, lunch, before or after school (upon request). College Navigator: <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator>

**BOTTOM LINE:** Make sure you are on track to graduate. Check your credits, diploma track, etc. It is your responsibility to meet requirements. The Guidance Office is here to help you meet the requirements. If you have not passed ISTEP, in order to qualify for a waiver, you must have no more than 36 unexcused absences, a 2.0 GPA, complete help sessions, and take the ISTEP exam each year. Now is the time to work on this.