

12th Grade College Planning Checklist

- ☐ Narrow your list of colleges to 5 to 10 top schools
 - ☐ These should be colleges that you want to apply to
- ☐ Create a master calendar of events, deadlines and major dates
 - ☐ Test dates
 - ☐ College application dates
 - ☐ Remember to do these early, you do not want to wait last minute
- ☐ If you were not happy with your scores or want to try to improve on your scores, retake the SAT
 - ☐ Additional coursework that you learned during the end of junior year could help boost your scores
 - ☐ You already know what the test is like and what to expect, another attempt can not negatively impact you
- ☐ Send your SAT scores in
 - ☐ Be sure to have your scores sent to the colleges you are applying to
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA form
 - ☐ The first day to fill this form out is October 1st
- ☐ Early decision/action or rolling admission applications begin early- November 1st
 - ☐ Get those applications started and completed first
- ☐ For application essays have a teacher or family member proof read
 - ☐ Do not wait until the day before it is due to have a teacher proofread
- ☐ Keep active in school
 - ☐ Both inside and outside the classroom
 - ☐ These grades do matter for colleges
- ☐ Visit your final college before accepting
- ☐ Notify a college with either an acceptance or rejection by May 1st at the latest
- ☐ Send your deposit to only one school
- ☐ Ask your high school to send your official transcript to your college
- ☐ Review all financial aid awards