

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER TO DO LIST:

1. Complete [FAFSA](#)- It opened October 1st and offers financial aid for college. Prior to completing a FAFSA, you and your parents will both need to create a [FSA ID](#). If your parents need help with FAFSA, DeWitt is hosting a FAFSA help night on November 8th. Click [here](#) for the link and let me know if you have any questions.
2. Know the priority date for filing the FAFSA at the colleges you are interested in. Some are as early as December 1. This is the deadline for when you need your FAFSA completed. It varies by institution and if you want to know a specific college, let me know!
3. Talk to admission counselors at the colleges you're applying to and find out whether retaking the ACT/SAT would be advantageous. These scores are linked to scholarship money. In some cases, bumping your composite up 1 number can add \$1,000+ to your scholarship.
4. Research scholarship days and deadlines at the schools to which you've applied. Be familiar with your college's scholarship page and submit an application to try and earn free money towards your education! (Avoid scholarship search and financial aid companies that charge a fee- these are free services to you!) A great scholarship search site can be found [here](#).
5. Stay focused! Grades in your senior year can affect college admittance.
6. If you haven't gone on a visit already, please sign up for an official visit. This links you to important departments on campus- student services, financial aid, admissions, etc. In Oct and Nov, I'm taking students to [Muscatine Comm College](#), [Kirkwood Comm College](#), [University of Wisconsin Platteville](#), [Cornell College](#). Links are available for you to sign up if you haven't! You can request a college campus visit [here](#) for Mrs. Hansen to take you on if you don't see a college you are interested in listed above.