

Hello Seniors-

Here is a checklist that is general for college going students- this includes trade school, or any post-secondary education (certificate, diploma, degrees). If at any point in time you need individualized or group help, please stop in the Office to see me on Mondays and Thursdays.

Below find a to do list for February and March- I also included information from the email I sent regarding December and January dates in case you need to make sure you have those important details finished up. If you need help with anything, please let Mrs. Schaible or myself know! We are more than happy to help you with the college going process!

If you and your parents have not completed FAFSA yet, you are highly encouraged to do so soon. Also, several of the next steps require you to have the FAFSA completed prior to moving forward.

FEBRUARY/MARCH TO DO LIST:

1. Find out whether you need to submit additional financial aid verification forms to the college(s) of your choice. If yes, complete the paperwork right away! Delays could delay your financial aid.
2. Keep your grades up- second semester grades are important and can affect scholarship eligibility and college admittance.
3. Review your budget and financial plan for college. Talk with your parents about cost responsibility.
4. Continue to look for college and local scholarships. Complete those applications.
5. Review and Compare financial aid packages from colleges if you have not already done so. Here is a helpful planning tool: [Compare College Costs](#).
6. Make plans for a summer job.

DECEMBER/JANUARY TO DO LIST:

1. Start exploring and applying for scholarship opportunities- local and college. All colleges have their own scholarship page, which incoming freshmen can start applying for.
2. Watch the mail for letters of acceptance and "to do" steps for your college.
3. Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) if you have filed your FAFSA. Check that it lists all the colleges requiring the FAFSA.
4. Work with your parents to create a plan to finance college. Various tools can be used to help with this, such as the [Student Loan Game Plan](#).

5. Schedule a financial aid package comparison advising session with ICAN. An advisor will review your financial aid packages and help you determine your best options. [Visit here](#) for in person or virtual appointments.

6. Send in college housing applications and payment.

7. If you haven't gone on a visit already, please sign up for an official visit.

I know this is a long list, and it can be overwhelming, but it is a great place to start chipping away at what is needed before next Fall. This time of the year requires a lot of tasks to do to stay up to date and it will set you up to complete everything else that is required. If you need help with anything, or have any questions, please reach out!

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