

SENIOR TIMELINE

Senior Timeline for Post Secondary Preparation

August/September

1. If you have not already done so, begin your college search. www.collegefortn.org is a great college search website.
2. Visit www.actstudent.org to register for the October ACT, MJHS's CEEB code is 431600 and our test center code is 186310. The ACT website has great practice tests as well.
3. Athletes interested in competing in Division I or II level need to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.org
4. Watch BNN and listen to announcements for college admissions counselors who will be visiting MJHS during lunch – talk to these admissions counselors, they are a great contact and source of information.
5. Check MJHS Guidance website www.wcschools.com/mjhs for updated scholarship opportunities. All scholarships that we receive are put on this website.
6. Start to think of individuals that would provide you with references.
7. Begin submitting your admission applications to the colleges you are most interested in.
8. Attend the Wilson County College Fair September 20th at Cumberland University – have questions ready to ask the admissions counselors.
9. Complete a resume – you will need this to help you complete scholarship and college applications, as well as giving one to the people you are asking to write letters of recommendation for you.

October

1. Start to schedule college visits – Fall Break is a great time to do this!
2. Prep for October ACT if you are taking it.
3. Continue to search for scholarships, www.fastweb.com is another great scholarship website.
4. Several schools have a priority dates of Nov.1 Make sure you are applying to colleges and universities early. You don't want to miss out on competitive academic scholarship opportunities.
5. When you apply on-line to a school, you must come to the guidance office and sign up for your transcript to be mailed to the college. You must allow MJHS and the college 1-2 weeks turn around time.

November

1. Continue to be diligent in your scholarship search.
2. Start to learn how campus life will compare to living at home.
3. Continue to work hard and keep your grades up.

December

1. Prepare for finals – they matter!
2. Apply for your PIN # for the FAFSA at www.pin.ed.gov
3. Be aware of spring ACT dates if you are retaking the ACT in February or April.

January

1. Complete the FAFSA @ www.fafsa.ed.gov. A FAFSA workshop is scheduled for all senior parents on January 19th from 12-7pm. Info will be mailed out Jan 3rd and appts will be made thru the guidance office.
2. Keep copies of all forms you submit to colleges and universities.
3. Mid-January, come to the Guidance office and request that your transcript be sent to your college(s) of choice with your 7th semester grades on them.

February/March

1. Check Admission Status
2. Continue to search for scholarships on the MJHS website
3. Many local scholarships become available in the spring – watch BNN, listen to announcements and check website.

April

1. By this time, you should have received notification from the schools to which you applied. Notify the school you have chosen to attend by May 1.
2. Notify the schools in which you applied for and alert them that you are not planning on attending.
3. Compare financial aid packages from the schools in which you have been accepted.

May

1. Take AP exams for which you qualify.
2. Study for final exams.
3. After receiving an award letter from the financial aid office at your college, sign it and send it back to your college.
4. Before graduation, inform the Guidance Office where to send your final transcript.