

## SENIOR TIMELINE for the Class of 2020

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### September

- If you did not have a senior meeting this summer or attend a summer session, schedule an appointment your counselor to discuss college/other postsecondary plans.
- Identify a list of about 6-8 colleges you are considering.
- Complete your Brag Sheet and give a copy to your counselor and anyone doing a recommendation for you
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation at the beginning of the school year to allow for plenty of time. Use Naviance to request “Letter of Recommendation” from teachers and staff by clicking the **Colleges** tab and then the “Apply to College” section.
- **Give the teacher a stamped, addressed envelope to send your recommendation directly to the school unless the school is on eDocs or a CA school.**
- Apply online to your colleges. **Adhere to deadlines!**
- Set up a file system to keep track of your applications (*keep copies of everything*).
- Register for the SAT test or SAT subject tests online at [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org) or the ACT test at [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org) . Attend college visits in the College/Career Center. Check out the full list of colleges who will visit SVHS and sign up on Naviance, [www.connection.naviance.com/svhs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/svhs). A week prior to visit, print out the confirmation page and get it signed by the teacher whose class you will be missing.
- Log on to the College/Career website <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/senecavalleyhs/careercenter/> for news, deadlines, events, college visits, scholarships, etc.
- Continue to use Naviance for your college planning <http://connection.naviance.com/svhs>. Username and Password: Student I.D.
- SVHS will be hosting a **FAFSA workshop September 18 at 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

### October

- Complete college applications (online applications are preferred).
- Follow steps listed in **SVHS College Application Procedures** for requesting official transcripts and counselor recommendations. ***Remember there is a 15-school day turn-around time to process requests.*** Counselors and the registrar begin accepting requests for transcripts on September 18.
- Remember to send your test scores to your colleges **when you register to take the test** through [www.sat.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.sat.CollegeBoard.org) or [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org) and student athletes who are applying D1 & D2 use NCAA code 9999. **It takes 3 weeks for scores to be received by colleges! You don't want your scores to be late for Nov. 1 or application deadlines! If scores are late, your application is INCOMPLETE and not accepted!**
- Attend college visits in the College/Career Center. Sign up on Family Connection.
- Columbus Day weekend is a great time to visit college campuses. Many plan programs for prospective freshmen on this weekend.

- Learn about the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It is through the FAFSA that students will apply for federal, state.
- Complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and submit it after October 1. To qualify for Maryland scholarships/grants, the FAFSA must be filed before March 1. Many colleges/universities have FAFSA priority deadlines before March 1. Check with your individual schools to be sure. **UMD's FAFSA priority deadline is January 1.** Some private colleges require the CSS Profile to determine financial aid. Check to see if your school does & submit online.
- If you completed a FAFSA, you should receive your SAR (Processed FAFSA results) by email within three to five days after submitting the FAFSA. Review for accuracy and completely done. Make necessary corrections online by logging into [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and select "Make corrections to a **processed FAFSA.**"
- Set up your \*MHEC MDCaps account on the Maryland Higher Education website to get \$\$ for MD Colleges, even if you are not sure if you will attend – you may if you get \$!
- Students not eligible for FAFSA complete the **MFSSA for instate tuition and grants.**

#### November

- Complete college applications so that they arrive before November 1, especially any Early Decision –this is binding and only submitted to ONE school. Early Action can be several.
- **Allow 15 school days to process** official transcript and recommendation requests.
- Attend college visits in the College/Career Center. Sign up on Family Connection.

#### December/January

- Complete & submit other applications by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to meet most scholarship deadlines.

#### February

- If your EFC (from FAFSA) is less than \$5,000.00, and have a 2.5 cum unweighted GPA, apply for the \*Guaranteed Access Grant online at [www.mhec.state.md.us](http://www.mhec.state.md.us)
- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can!

#### Spring

- Make final decisions after you see the financial aid/scholarship offers. Is it best fit?
- Search for summer jobs and submit applications.
- Visit colleges again (if necessary) for the final decision.
- Send required notification/payment to the college of your choice by **May 1.**
- Notify any other colleges that accepted you that you will not be attending
- Complete your Senior Survey on Naviance - [www.connection.naviance.com/svhs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/svhs). This lets the registrar know where to send your final transcript.
- Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving.
- Know when the payment for tuition, room and board, meal plans, etc., is due. If necessary, ask the about a payment plan that will allows installment payment plans.