

# **Wolverine Guidance**

### Senior Year Timeline

### August/September

- Remember Senior year grades are important.
- Consider taking a fourth year of lab science.
- Consider taking honors, AP, or other rigorous courses.
- Register for the ACT/SAT if you haven't already.
- Continue to form study groups and aim for two to three hours of homework every night.
- Narrow your school choices.
- Get online applications started and completed. Don't forget about: essays, letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.
- Write and edit your college essay.

#### **October/November**

- If you want to improve your scores, take the ACT/SAT again.
- Obtain 2-3 letters of recommendation. As a courtesy make your request a month in advance.
- Continue application process pay special attention to deadlines!
- Research scholarships.

### January/February

- File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online!
- Check financial aid priority dates for all of the colleges you are applying to.
- Verify with college admissions offices that your applications are complete.
- Next steps: housing, meal plans, paying enrollment deposits.

## March/April

- Register for AP exams.
- Local scholarship applications will be coming due watch deadlines!
- Keep your counselor informed as you receive college decisions, scholarships and financial aid packages.
- Make a decision on accepting a financial aid package after you and your parents review all offers.
- Send letters/email to all colleges you were admitted to but do not plan to attend.

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- Request final transcripts to be sent to the college you will be attending.
- Write a thank you to teachers and others who may have written letters of recommendation for you.
- Graduation!!!
- Get ready to participate in Freshman orientation activities.