

Senior Timeline 2019-2020

SEPTEMBER

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- Meet with counselor — check ins & double check graduation requirements
- Register on Naviance by going through your student portal
- Begin your Common Application on Commonapp.org
- Register for Oct., Nov. or Dec. test dates if retaking the SAT or ACT (the earlier, the better!)
- Make a Resume and/or brag sheet (not only for college, but also for those who are writing your recommendation letter!)
- Request teacher, counselor, coaches, possibly employers, and/or volunteer coordinators for recommendations (it's best to have 2-3 letters of recommendation letters)
- Draft Common Application essay
- Get started on or refine your college list.
- Create calendar of admission and financial aid deadlines (admission & financial aid deadlines are different from each other). For financial aid, find out if they require the CSS profile.
- Get ready for the year! YOU GOT THIS!

OCTOBER

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- Take the SAT and/or ACT
- Complete financial aid forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)
- Polish Common App essay; begin supplemental essays (if required)
- Finalize list of schools to apply to
- Complete Early Decision and/or Early Action application(s) (If you're applying early!)
- Start asking parents/guardians for financial questions & ask them to start gathering copies of their 2018* taxes for FAFSA. For the CSS profile, you will

need 2017 & 2018 taxes

- Begin your FAFSA (FAFSA.ed.gov) and/or CSS profile (collegeboard.org/profile)
- Finalize your essay (ask your English teacher and counselor to go over your essay!)
- Keep up with and enjoy extracurricular activities - GET INVOLVED!

NOVEMBER:

- If you haven't already, finalize your college essay (including the supplement essays)
- Follow up with teachers, counselors, coaches, and/or whoever you asked for a recommendation letter! Ensure those letters of recommendation are being completed
- Be sure to take the SAT and/or ACT & send the scores to your colleges
- Double check your Naviance account
- Be sure to match your Common App with Naviance
- Submit Early Decision and Early Action by the deadline
- Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines
- If the school is rolling admission, submit application
- Please make sure that you have taken the SAT & ACT!
- Complete FAFSA & CSS Profile
- Clean up social media accounts (Colleges do look sometimes!)
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Tell your guidance counselor what schools you have submitted & also for a check-in
- Apply for scholarships (The Hanover Scholarship is due this month)

DECEMBER

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- Follow up with teachers/counselor about recommendations
- Send test scores and transcripts (Suggestion: call schools to make sure they have all necessary documents)
- Complete Common Application and supplements

- Celebrate if you received an offer of Early Decision or Early Action admission (!!)
- Submit applications before winter break (so you can enjoy your winter break!)
- Apply for scholarships

JANUARY:

- Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines
- Check in with your counselor to send Mid Year grades to colleges.
- Follow up with schools to make sure your applications are complete
- Considering a gap year? Research options. Talk to your guidance counselor!
- Apply for scholarships
- UPCS MCAC DAY is 1/14/2020! This is the Massachusetts College Acceptance Celebration day

FEBRUARY

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- Check emails & college application links
- Confirm that all necessary application materials have been received
- Stay engaged with high school (watch out for senioritis)
- Continue to apply for scholarships

MARCH:

- Celebrate your offers of admission!
- Compare financial aid awards
- Think about summer (job? internship? travel?)
- Continue to apply for scholarships. The Greater Worcester Community Foundation Scholarship is due the first week in March.

APRIL:

- Attend “admitted student” events at colleges you’re considering
- Decide whether to accept waitlist spots (if offered)
- Keep grades up — the college you accept will require a final transcript!
- Choose your college and mail the deposit by May 1st!

MAY: ● Take AP tests (your college may accept scores for course

credit)

- Inform counselor/teachers who wrote recommendations of your choice (It would be thoughtful to write thank-you notes to those who took the time to write your recommendation letters!)
- BE SURE TO SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TO YOUR SCHOOL OF CHOICE BY MAY 1ST!

JUNE

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- GRADUAAAATTTTTEEEEEEE!!!! Congrats Class of 2020!