

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

FALL

- Set new goals and expectations for your FINAL year!
- Organize applications, deadlines, letters of recommendation, essays, scholarships, and all other college materials.
- Visit your final list of colleges as needed and ask questions to their admissions teams as needed.
- Begin applying! - especially if you are selecting "Early Decision" or "Early Action"
- Attend Financial Aid meeting at PHS in November - along with other financial aid planning
- Continue applying for scholarships - this will be ongoing all year
- Look for job shadows, job fairs, and other work based learning experiences if you are pursuing the workforce pathways after graduation. **Inspirewi.org** is a great resource!
- If you currently have a job, see if it can be tied to a **Youth Apprenticeship** for high school credit and certification. Set up an appointment with our YA rep by contacting your PHS counselor.

WINTER

- Continue your scholarship search - free money is still the best money
- Be sure to check your emails frequently, including spam, so you do not miss anything from colleges or scholarships
- Continue applying if you haven't done so - watch for deadlines!
- Check in with PHS counselor regarding status, questions, or decisions
- Start applications for workforce jobs after high school - getting a head start on this can lead to some great opportunities

SPRING

- Review and compare acceptance and financial aid award letters - this is often the biggest factor in selecting a college/university
- Decision time! - Finalize your acceptance to your college or university that is best for you. Now you will get ready to pick classes, determine housing, and prepare for school next year!
- Notify the school(s) you will not be attending - they need to free up space for other students.
- Regardless of your post-secondary plans, let your counselor know when you make your final decision - they want to celebrate this milestone and help you prepare for the transition