

# SENIOR YEAR

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## Fall Semester

- Register and take the ACT, SAT, and/or SAT Subject Tests in the fall if you need to improve your scores or if SAT Subject tests are required. Finish all testing by January. **MaLaren's CEEB code is 060-251** Request that your ACT, SAT, and/or SAT Subject Test scores be sent to your college choices, if this was not done so when you registered or took the test.
- Attend college fairs, college nights, & visit with college representatives. Be sure to check the College & Career section of the MaLaren website for current information.
- Define your top 4-6 college choices. Create a timeline of deadlines & admission requirements to stay organized. Will you be applying to any schools under Early Decision or Early Action plans? Are there any "priority" deadlines for college based scholarships?
- Plan to spend a month writing & polishing your college essay.
- Continue with leadership roles in activities that are important to you. Update your resume in College in Colorado with the emphasis on the activities that were the most important to you.
- Request recommendations from 2-3 teachers & Mrs. Fruh if required. Allow enough time to fill out recommendation request forms and the required interview for your counselor recommendation.
- File all applications well before any deadlines (keep copies for your records). Don't forget to complete a Transcript request form allowing time for processing, either electronically or by snail mail.
- Learn what forms are required by your colleges for Financial Aid. Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, remembering that you will need to add the schools you're applying to as you fine tune your list. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR), which should be available online within a few days of submitting your FAFSA, to check for accuracy. The CSS/Profile can be submitted online after October 1<sup>st</sup> through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## Spring Semester

- Continue to search & apply for scholarships. Notify Mrs. Fruh if you receive any scholarships from colleges or organizations.
- Visit colleges over Spring Break.
- Make sure you've registered for the College Opportunity Fund to receive the state stipend that helps pay for in-state college tuition at our public universities.
- Check your college application accounts frequently for updates and/or requests from the colleges you've applied to.
- Continue to work hard in your classes; colleges can rescind offers of admission if there is a significant drop in achievement spring semester.
- Compare offers of admission & financial aid packages. If a college offers you a place on their "waitlist," you can accept or deny this offer. You will still need to accept one offer of admission and make a deposit with one college by the National Candidate Reply Date on May 1. Notify all schools where you were accepted of your decision.
- Request an Official Final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending and celebrate your accomplishments!