

# SENIOR THINGS TO DO!!!!

## **SEPTEMBER:**

If you wish to re-take the ACT, register in mid-September for the October ACT. Loyal's school code is 501-130, and the website for registering for the ACT is [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org)

If you are attending a technical college, see Mrs. Scherer about scheduling the Accuplacer or Compass placement tests, if you need them!

Start thinking about applying for school . . . all University of Wisconsin colleges and university prefer you apply using their on-line application at: <https://apply.Wisconsin.edu> The technical college on-line application link is <http://www.witechcolleges.org/Apply>

**Selective Service:** All male students must register for the selective service within 30 days of their eighteenth birthday to be eligible for federal and state financial aid. If you missed this deadline, REGISTER NOW at <http://www.sss.gov/>

Keep your applications in order by creating files for the schools in which you are interested.

Keep a calendar of testing and application deadlines.

Seek recommendations from teachers, guidance counselor, or other appropriate people to accompany applications.

Research scholarships. The Guidance Office will announce scholarships as they become available. There are also binders in the Guidance office with all scholarship information. Try using some FREE scholarship search sites such as [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search> You should NEVER have to pay to do scholarship searches—these are usually scams!

Don't get a case of SENIORITIS- Keep your grades up and stay involved.

Attend college open houses, meet with college representatives that come to your high school and meet with military reps if you are interested.

Continue to schedule college visits. You can utilize two EXCUSED school-related absences per semester at Loyal to visit college campuses—do you really want to spend thousands of dollars to attend a campus you've never visited????

Consider applying to more than one school. Some recommend your top 2-3, others recommend your top 4-6. Certain colleges are more competitive than others. Make sure you apply to at least one college you know you can afford and where you will be accepted.

If you will be seeking an athletic scholarship, contact coaches in your sport at schools you are considering.

## **SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER:**

Register for the ACT or SAT if you would like to retake them. See Mrs. Scherer about taking the Accuplacer or Compass if you plan to attend a technical college.

Fill out college applications, paying careful attention to any deadlines. Let Mrs. Scherer know where you're applying so that she can submit your official transcript to your college. Apply on-line for all University of Wisconsin schools at: <https://apply.wisconsin.edu> and for all Wisconsin Technical colleges at <http://www.witechcolleges.org/Apply>

## **OCTOBER:**

October 1—you can begin filling out the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Watch Loyal's Facebook page for specific date/time information for Financial Aid Night dates/times/locations.

Early Decision—If you know where you want to go and you are reasonably happy with your grades and test scores, you can apply. If you change your mind, you can always let the university/college know that you are not planning to attend their school. However, later in the spring your college/university will be asking for some “commitment” money. Once you pay this amount, you can still back out, but you will probably not receive a refund from the school.

## **OCTOBER-JANUARY:**

Complete NCAA Clearing house Eligibility if you plan to compete in Division I or Division II athletics as a college freshman.

## **NOVEMBER:**

Consider Thanksgiving as a “deadline” for applying to college. Many schools have a “priority” deadline right around Thanksgiving—by getting your application in by this time, you are more likely to be accepted and be considered for your school's scholarships.

## **DECEMBER:**

Yearbook pictures due to school by December 1.

Turn in a senior baby picture for the yearbook and/or slideshow.

Be aware of early application deadlines at some schools.

Start checking out your college or university websites for freshmen scholarship opportunities!

The Loyal Community Scholarship applications will be made available to seniors sometime during December.

## **FEBRUARY:**

Complete the Loyal Community Scholarship application and turn in to Mrs. Scherer by March 1.

## **MARCH-APRIL:**

Schools usually send out acceptance and rejection letters by this time (most schools will notify students within 2-3 weeks of receiving their applications). Notify the schools of your decision to accept or reject admission offers. Notify Mrs. Scherer of your final choice.

If you are going to a university, sign up for English and math placement test. Placement scores or equivalent college credit are required for all new students prior to class registration to assist advisers and students in course selection. You can sign up for your placement tests at:

[www.testing.wisc.edu](http://www.testing.wisc.edu)

## **MAY:**

Make sure your final choice school knows you are coming. Check on any final deadlines for housing, financial aid, etc...

Attend the senior banquet—usually scheduled for the week BEFORE graduation starting. Watch Loyal's Facebook page and the mail for specific date/time information.

Be sure all of your dues and fines are paid to Loyal High School. Dues and fines must be paid in full to participate in the graduation ceremony. No caps and gowns will be disbursed to students who have not paid all dues and fees.

Graduation—usually scheduled for 1:00 p.m. the Saturday before Memorial Day.

## **JUNE:**

Mrs. Scherer WILL send your Loyal High School final transcript to your college or university.

If you have earned any technical college or university credit while in high school, you should request (go to your college/university website) that the technical college or university send your official college transcripts to the university/college where you will be attending next year. Requesting official transcripts usually has a fee of \$5-\$15, which you must pay to the institution where you've earned your credits. Be sure that ALL of your grades/credits are updated before requesting that your official transcripts be sent to your college/university.