Senior Year checklist



# Fall Semester

[ ]  Review courses, graduation requirements, and scholarship opportunities with Mrs. Lackey

[ ]  Have parent/guardian complete child nutrition form to qualify for fee waivers (let Mrs. Lackey know)

[ ]  Register for the first SAT/ACT offered this fall if necessary

[ ]  Select colleges to apply to (a reach school, safety school, and others in between- recommend no more than 5)

[ ]  Complete Residency Determination Service- keep your PIN number in a safe place for college applications

[ ]  Start the Common App and college applications not on the Common App

[ ]  Write, edit, proofread, and rewrite your admissions essay and writing prompts in Common App

[ ]  Ask teachers, counselors, or community leaders to write recommendation letters to support your applications at least 2 weeks in advance

[ ]  Participate in College Application Week (fees are waived for some colleges in NC week of 10/21)

[ ]  Participate in ECU free application week if interested (9/23-9/27)

[ ]  FAFSA opens December 1st, parents and students can create FSA ID prior to FAFSA opening (studentaid.gov)

[ ]  Keep track of application and financial aid deadlines for school specific scholarships, deadlines, and forms

[ ]  Check college scholarship websites for school specific scholarship information and deadlines

☐ Check Going Merry for any local scholarships you can apply for and send in applications

☐ 10/8/24 CFNC Financial Aid night for parents and students 6PM Myers Center

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[ ]  Continuously check Going Merry for local scholarships. Apply for everything!

[ ]  Compare admission acceptance letters and financial aid packages.

[ ]  Apply for private education loans if needed. Limit the amount you borrow; you will have to pay it back and interest rates are typically high.

[ ]  Send in enrollment deposit to hold your spot at the college you choose. Deadline is usually May 1st.

[ ]  Make sure your final high school transcript is sent to your college of choice- Mrs. Lackey will do this for you if you apply through Common App. If you applied through a college’s website or CFNC, you will send through CFNC once final grades are posted.

[ ]  Request Gaston College transcripts be sent to your final college choice once final grades are posted- this can be done through Watermark and is your responsibility.