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# SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

San Rafael High School  
2016-2017

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## AUGUST

- Aug 11: Perform college search on one of many websites (collegeboard.com, naviance through your school, collegeresults.org)
- Aug 21: Have a draft of your personal statement done
- Aug 26: Complete senior profile
- Aug 28: Once senior profile is complete, ask TWO teachers for letters of recommendation

## SEPTEMBER

- Sep 1: Check deadline for October SAT/ACT. GET A FEE WAIVER FROM YOUR HIGH SCHOOL OR FROM 10,000 DEGREES. Be sure to enter 4 schools as recipients for your SAT scores.
- Sep 3: Check if your schools are on the Common Application (commonapp.org) and see if there are supplements due for those schools.
- Sep 10: Have a finalized list of colleges you will apply to. At least 2 reaches & 2 safeties.
- Sep 17: Continue working on personal statement/10,000 Degrees Scholarship
- Sep 30: For any Common Application supplements, finish drafts of essays.

## OCTOBER

- Oct \_\_: Senior Parent Night this month (Date TBA). Write Here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Oct \_\_: Look out for College Tour this month
- Oct 15: Attend personal statement clinics to have essays started or edited
- Oct 28: Begin scholarship searches/scholarship applications
- Oct 29: Finalize personal statements for UC's, private colleges and universities

## NOVEMBER

- Nov \_\_: Look out for College Tour this month
- Nov 12: Finish UC/CSU applications and EOP applications
- Nov 13: Check with teachers who wrote your recommendation, make sure they sent out your letters.
- Nov 18: Write and send out thank you notes to teachers who wrote your letters of recommendation
- Nov 21: Finish Common Application and any remaining college applications
- Nov 28: Send fee waivers in the mail if necessary (request from high school or colleges)
- Nov 30: CSU/UC Application deadline

## DECEMBER

- Dec \_\_: Senior Parent Night this month (Date TBA). Write Here: \_\_\_\_\_
- Dec 4: Scholarship search continued
- Dec 18: Get parent's 2014 tax forms, pay stubs, date of birth ready for FAFSA/CA Dream Act (if U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen)
- Dec 19: Finish at LEAST one scholarship application by this day, begin applying for more

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## JANUARY

- Jan 1: First day to apply for FAFSA/CA Dream Act & 10KD Scholarship
- Jan 6: Check student portals to see if you are missing any information
- Jan 8: Check with college and career counselor about new local scholarships
- Jan 21: Scholarship search continues!
- Jan \_\_: Look out for College Tour this month
- Jan \_\_: Attend a Cash for College Workshop
- Jan 31: DUE DATE for 10KD Scholarship.

## FEBRUARY

- Feb \_\_: Senior Parent Night this month (Date TBA). Write Here \_\_\_\_\_
- Feb 2: Continue checking student portals for all schools you applied to
- Feb 5: Be sure CALGRANT verification form is completed and mailed out
- Feb 13: Keep checking career center for LOCAL scholarships.

## MARCH

- Mar 2: FAFSA/CADA/CALGRANT hard deadline today. Complete before.
- Mar 6: Keep checking portals and make sure your applications are complete.
- Mar 12: If you haven't already, update FAFSA/CADA to reflect 2015 taxes
- Mar 14: Begin checking mail, e-mail, and portals for college acceptances
- Mar 15: If accepted into CSU's (& plan to attend) register for placement tests.
- Mar 20: Secure fee waivers for AP tests (if you are taking one)
- Mar 30: Set up meeting with 10,000 Degrees staff for Financial Aid meeting.

## APRIL

- Apr \_\_: Look out for a College Tour this month
- Apr 2: If community college bound, meet with 10,000 Degrees staff
- Apr 3: Keep checking mail, e-mail, and portals for college acceptances
- Apr 7: Keep searching for and applying to scholarships (especially local ones!)
- Apr 9: Check mail, e-mail, and portals for financial aid packages
- Apr 14: If missing acceptance letters from schools, call EACH school to inquire
- Apr 15: Ensure FAFSA/CA Dream Act has been updated with 2015 tax info
- Apr 24: Appeal financial aid packages if needed
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## MAY

- May 1: DEADLINE FOR CONFIRMING FALL ENROLLMENT AT COLLEGES.  
Generally you need to submit a housing deposit, intent to enroll, and more school specific forms by this day
- May 7: Check due date on financial aid package. Select pieces to accept/deny
- May 12: Check web portal to see if any documents are missing from your file.  
If unclear, call the school's financial aid or admissions office
- May \_\_: 10,000 Degrees Graduation
- May 28: Have all college related papers finalized.

## JUNE

- Jun 1: Request final transcript be sent out to your college
- Jun 17: Check web portal to see if there is anything else needing completion.
- If unclear, call your school's financial aid or admissions office.