

SENIOR TIME LINE

September

- Check credits and records during the senior interview with your counselor
- Research colleges on line and send for applications and catalogs if necessary – an excellent website: www.collegeboard.com
- Finish college campus visits.
- Register for the SAT I. at SAT II, or ACT if you are not satisfied with your previous scores. Most colleges recommend that you take these tests at least twice since they will accept the best scores for each section, even if they come from more than one test. **The Paul VI High School code number is 310-473.** You can have your scores sent to four colleges for free when you register.
- Check to see if the colleges to which you are applying require that the SAT/ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing center. If so, go to www.collegeboard.com or www.actstudent.org to complete this step.
- Attend college fairs in the area.

October

- Arrange for letters of recommendation. Use the [College Recommendation Form](#) as a reference for your teachers. Allow at least two weeks for your teachers to write your letter of recommendation.
- Complete the Senior Information Sheet and [Senior Parent Information Sheet](#) and return your counselor in Guidance.
- If needed, register for the December SAT I or SAT II.
- Begin rough drafts of applications and essays.
- Set up a folder system for each application.
- Check all application deadlines, procedures and needed documentation especially deadlines of November 1st or 15th.

November

- Work on the final copy of your applications and essays.
- Check the guaranteed mailing deadline and any priority deadlines.
- Investigate scholarship opportunities.
- Complete the online registration for the CSS Profile Financial Aid Form if required by your college(s).
- Request Paul VI transcripts to be sent to colleges by November 12 for colleges with due dates of December 1.
- Request Paul VI transcripts to be sent to colleges by November 26 for guaranteed mailing before the Christmas break.

December

- Pick up the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the worksheet for FAFSA on the web in the Guidance Office.
- Remind parents to attend Paul VI Financial Aid Night in December.

January

- Complete the FAFSA On the Web or Mail completed FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
- Submit a request to the registrar for your mid-year grades to be sent to colleges if required.

February

- Continue to check for scholarship opportunities and fill out all applications.
- Send thank you notes to all teachers who have written you a letter of recommendation.

March

- Some acceptance letters are arriving – make copies of all acceptance letters and submit them to the registrar.
- Arrange for a second visit to a college campus if needed before your final decision.

April

- Notify the registrar of all scholarships and acceptance received.
- Evaluate financial aid offers that begin to arrive.
- Work on final decision as to which school to attend.
- Notify all colleges and our registrar of your final decision by May 1.
- Notify all colleges to which you have been accepted but are not attending.