

Action Plan For SENIORS

Fall:

- ❖ Narrow your list of colleges to between 5-10. Research the schools, visit schools, get financial aid information, etc. You should have a good idea what each school has to offer, and be clear of what you will be expected to complete when it's time to apply, as well as all application deadlines.
- ❖ Register for the SAT/ACT, no later than the Dec test dates. If you already took them junior year register again if you want to improve your scores.
- ❖ Begin your search for scholarships.
- ❖ Ask for recommendations-Give each person your resume, as well as any other required forms. Write application essays, and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read the first drafts.

Winter:

- ❖ Attend financial aid info events in your area. FAFSA parent nights will be scheduled twice in early January returning from break, one at LVHS one at CHS.
- ❖ Set up a PIN for the FAFSA online application.
- ❖ Apply for FAFSA online as early as possible! Date to start applying is Jan. 1, 2014 and ends March 2 2014. All money is issued on a first-come first-serve basis, so get it done EARLY!!
- ❖ Apply to the colleges of your choice. Keep copies of everything you send to colleges!
- ❖ Contact colleges to make sure they've received all application materials BEFORE the DEADLINE. You should receive confirmation emails. So MONITOR the email account you provide on your applications.

Spring:

- ❖ You should get acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- ❖ If you haven't already, visit your final college before accepting.
- ❖ You MUST tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid by May 1. Send a deposit to the college you choose.
- ❖ Wait-listed? If you will enroll if accepted, tell the admissions director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application.
- ❖ Local scholarships are announced. Apply to ALL local scholarships you are eligible for!

Please do not hesitate to see me if you need help with anything on this list! My door is always open! -Ms. Santoyo