

SENIOR CHECKLIST

FALL 2022

- Attend Financial Aid Presentation at high school
- The FAFSA can be completed after October 1 of 2022. Students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year (2021). For the best opportunity at receiving need-based awards, submit the FAFSA as early as possible.
- Register for a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. The student and parent who will be completing the FAFSA will both need a FSA ID.
- Complete college applications and pay attention to deadlines. Set a goal to have college applications submitted by November 1
- If your college application requires an essay, have someone review your work before submitting.
- Meet with college/military representatives visiting Spring Lake High School in the fall of 2022 (Check daily announcements for the day/time of visits).
- Visit colleges (if you have not done so already).
- Attend the “Senior Exit Interview” scheduled with your counselor to complete a graduation audit and discuss future plans.
- Check registration deadlines for the SAT/ACT if planning to retake the SAT or ACT. Many colleges will still accept scores taken in the fall of senior year for admissions and/or scholarships. Testing dates for the SAT/ACT are available at the College Board website www.collegeboard.com and at www.act.org Check with the admission office at colleges of interest for their specific SAT/ACT policy.
- Get off to a good start academically and stay with a challenging senior schedule. Prove that you can do college level work.

WINTER/SPRING 2022/2023

- Complete any additional financial aid application(s) that may be part of each specific college application. i.e. University of Michigan requires the CSS profile for incoming freshmen
- Apply for local scholarships: Grand Haven Area Community Foundation – online application available in December of 2022. Spring Lake High School Scholarships – available in March/April of 2023.
- Grades still matter! Many colleges will request grades from term 1 & 2. Colleges reserve the “right to rescind” if grades show a significant decrease and/or students drop challenging courses. Strength of schedule is one of the criteria used for acceptance; keep the schedule reported on the application. Final transcripts will be sent in June.
- Review/respond to all correspondence from your college regarding deposits, housing, financial aid and orientation.