

Senior Year Timeline

<p><u>Summer (June July August)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research and Create Timeline 2. Plan A, Plan B, Plan C - make multiple plans for unknown future 3. FAFSA4caster 4. Campus/Career Tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finalize your pathway plans (college list) – Start of right, make it a special event, dinner, planned discussion about goals and choices ● Make a visits pathway options – colleges, apprenticeship programs, technical schools, etc. ● Research application requirements ● Complete the FAFSA4caster to get an idea of what costs you may have for post-secondary education ● Prep for essays or assessment tests ● Create a list of <u>deadlines for applications</u> ● Continue scholarship searching – Biggest opportunities are early in the year! ● Get registered for admissions tests! ACT/ SAT/ ASVAB/ Accuplacer (2 year school, no registration required)
<p><u>Fall (Sept Oct Nov)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application Deadlines 2. Application REQUIREMENTS - military, college, trade school testing 3. FAFSA Completion 4. Review Scholarship Options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read Senior Notes – provided via Skyward EVERY MONTH ● Request letters of recommendation IF NEEDED ● OHS Senior Status Letter (address, correct name on diploma) ● Meet with your Counselor (share goals, plans) ● Open House (meet OHS staff!) ● Submit FAFSA & Financial Aid – OCTOBER 1st ● Attend a local or national College or Career Fair ● Attend presentations in Career Center (Admissions reps, military recruiters, all pathway options) ● Review and Edit essays, seek support!! ● Complete applications for pathways before deadline (Early Admissions/Decision) ● Review your Student Aid Report from FAFSA ● Apply for scholarships & continue to research opportunities ● Obtain transcripts for applications (if necessary) Transcripts for scholarships are always FREE ● Finalize Financial Aid (errors, CSS/PROFILE if requested) ● Get registered for admissions test IF NEEDED - ACT/ SAT/ ASVAB/ Accuplacer (retake or first time)
<p><u>Winter (Nov December January)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Send Thank Yous! 2. Keep Volunteering 3. Scholarship Season 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Most application deadlines for regular decision (Nov-Dec) ● Finalize application components ● Write thank you cards to recommenders, counselors, teachers and people supporting your future planning ● Know your pathways Financial Aid deadline! ● Apply for scholarships & continue to research opportunities

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<p><u>Spring (February March April)</u></p> <p>1. Final Campus/Career Site Tours</p> <p>2. Send Mid Year Transcripts</p> <p>3. Local Scholarship Deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirm applications have been received/processed - check your SCHOOL portal accounts OFTEN! ● Review schools with rolling admissions ● Send mid-year grade reports (if requested) ● Apply for scholarships & continue to research opportunities ● Scholarships OPEN - Community Foundation, Olympia Tumwater Foundation & OHS Scholarships ● Review financial aid offers – compare options & opportunities (March/April) ● Prepare for AP exams
<p><u>End of Year (May June)</u></p> <p>1. Declare your intent</p> <p>2. Pay deposits for housing/admissions</p> <p>3. Graduation Announcements</p> <p>4. Send Thank Yous!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Declare your intent – May 1st ● Notify programs you will NOT be attending if applied to. ● Pay your deposit for post high school pathway ● Write thank you cards to scholarship donors, teachers, recommenders, counselors..... ● Register for classes (2 year schools register in May for Sept classes) ● AP Testing ● Graduation Check Lists ● Clear all Fines & Fees ● Awards Receptions, Presentations & Events ● Graduation ● Grad Night