

## Grade 12:

You've finally made it - senior year! This year will be tremendously busy for you, however, it should also be special and memorable, so try to enjoy every minute.

- **Maintain a solid senior year course load and keep your grades strong.** Colleges look at your senior year!
- **Register for SAT and/or ACT** for October, November and December dates. If at all possible, you want to complete your testing by Christmas. A number of colleges are now test optional, however, most scholarships still consider test scores! It will make the second semester of your senior year much less stressful.
- **Attend the local College Fairs** at SCA and USC-Upstate. Be prepared to talk with admissions representatives from the top schools on your list.
- **Continue college visits.** Try to schedule them on SCA teacher workdays and remember you are allowed two college visits that will be excused absences. Remember to notify the Guidance office BEFORE you take days off for these visits.
- **Meet with your guidance counselor** to review your transcript for graduation requirements, update your resume' and finalize your list of colleges.
- **Begin working on college applications.** You must use the process set up in Naviance Student. You may find this in the document library on the right hand side of your home page. Go to "College Stuff" in the document library and then to Naviance College Application Process. Be sure to follow the directions in detail! Set up a college application checklist to keep up with requirements, fees and deadlines.
- **Continue researching scholarships and begin any application procedures.** The process for requesting transcripts for scholarships and requesting letters of recommendation is including in the document for the Naviance College Application Process. Keep up with deadlines! Remember to file for the FAFSA as soon as possible. The FAFSA will be available in October.
- Seniors and parents should attend the **Senior Class Guidance meeting** in September and the Financial Aid meeting later in the year.

Determine to work hard all the way through this year. Don't become a victim of senioritis! If you never have before, please take to heart the verse below for your senior year!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23 - 24