



TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

September - November

- Continue to gather information on colleges and narrow the field.
- Keep grades as high as possible.
- Explore college and standardized test websites online: [SCOIR](#), [College Board](#), [ACT](#) and [Education Planner](#).
- Register to take or retake the SATs and/or ACTs.
 - SAT at YC (Wednesday, October 9 - deadline to register is September 11)
- Determine whether SAT Subject Tests are required by your intended college(s) – take no later than January.
- Meet with your counselor. If you need to make an appointment, utilize the [Meeting Request Form](#).
- Check your Senior (2025) Google Classroom for information regarding college representatives who will visit York Catholic as well as local college fair opportunities.
- Schedule and visit schools of interest. Refer to the college visitation policy in the student handbook.
- Narrow your college application choices. Experts recommend having 4-8 choices: at least 1-2 “sure bets,” 2-4 “target choices,” and 1-2 “reaches.” This number may vary with your own needs. Remember that some applications will require a fee ranging from \$25-\$70.
- If you need letters of recommendation for any college, please give teachers or counselors at least 2 weeks to complete them.

October - December

- If any of your schools have rolling admissions, **the EARLIER you apply the better**. Some majors and programs require an early application, such as nursing, physical therapy, and physician’s assistant since there are limited spots for incoming freshmen.
- When applying online, remember you must fill out a York Catholic transcript release form before your official transcript can be sent to a college or scholarship grantor. Transcript release forms can be [downloaded from the YC website](#) or found in the Guidance Office.
- Begin collecting and thinking about financial aid information.
- Arrange to send first quarter grades to schools that request them.
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) after October 1 to qualify for college aid.
- As you receive acceptance and financial award letters, please give a copy to Mr. Butler or email a picture copy of the letters you receive.
- Attend the College Financial Aid Night at York Catholic on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM which includes a FAFSA completion workshop.

January - February

- Arrange to submit mid-year reports to the schools that request them.
- Continue checking on and applying for national and local scholarships. A listing of these will be posted in your Senior (2024) Google Classroom by the Guidance Department.
 - Utilize College Board’s [Scholarship Search Engine through BigFuture](#).
 - Utilize the US Department of Labor’s [Scholarship Search Tool](#).
- As you receive acceptance and financial award letters, please give a copy to Mr. Butler or email a picture copy of the letters you receive.

February - May

- Notify schools about your decisions.
 - Submit a deposit to the one you will attend.
 - Write letters to the schools you will not be attending.
- Continue to build study skills and keep grades as high as possible.
- As you receive acceptance and financial award letters, please give a copy to Mr. Butler or email a picture copy of the letters you receive.