



TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

August - November

- Continue to gather information on colleges and narrow the field.
- Keep grades as high as possible.
- Explore college and standardized test websites online: [College Board](#), [ACT](#) and [Education Planner](#).
- Register to take or retake the SATs and/or ACTs.
 - SAT at YC in October - deadline to register is in September 10
- Take advantage of any Dual Enrollment opportunities – deadline to register is in September.
- 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, email your counselor.
- Register for college representative visits and review your Senior Google Classroom for important scholarship information.
- 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 “safety,” 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-\$90.
- 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.
- Send copies of any acceptances and financial award offerings to your school counselor. This can be a physical copy or a copy of any email communication you receive.
- Attend local college fairs.
- Attend the College Financial Aid Night at York Catholic which includes a FAFSA completion workshop.
- Do you or your parents have college application questions? Schedule a meeting with your college counselor during Parent Teacher Conferences in November.

January - February

- Your school counselor will 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 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](#).
- Send copies of any acceptances and financial award offerings to your school counselor. This can be a physical copy or a copy of any email communication 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.
- Send copies of any acceptances and financial award offerings to your school counselor. This can be a physical copy or a copy of any email communication you receive.