

Class of 2012... This is what you NEED to know to Get Ready for Senior Year and the College Application Process!

End of Junior Year

- Make sure you've planned challenging courses for senior year
- Join college mailing lists or request info if you haven't already
- Start or update your resume. Use www.careercruising.com resume builder to create a resume.
- Request letters of recommendation before school ends if your college requires it. This allows your teachers a head start. Pick up a 'Student Profile Sheet for Letters of Recommendation' in the counseling office
- If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports and want to be eligible to be recruited by colleges, you must register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. Make sure Mrs. Evans has a copy of your [Transcript Release Form](#).

Summer time

- Work and save money for college
- Participate in summer enrichment camps on college campuses
- If you took AP[®] Exams in May, you will receive your AP score reports in July.
 - Look up AP Policy Guides for your colleges of interest
- Visit, explore and compare colleges: large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what works for you. Call ahead for the campus tour schedule or make reservations online.
- Finalize your list of colleges. Be sure you list "safety" schools, as well as good "match" and "reach" schools.
- Organize college materials into separate files by college
- Keep a college calendar of all admissions deadlines and list of requirements for each college.
- Clean up your face book and/or MySpace pages. Sometimes college reps will check out these sites. You don't want to misrepresent yourself.
- Volunteer, do something meaningful and fulfilling
- Get a part-time job, or internship, or job shadow in a profession that interests you
- Investigate scholarship opportunities
- Open a new email account for college and scholarship correspondence. (the more professional sounding the better)
- Clean your room/desk so you have an organized space to work in the fall.
- If the colleges you are applying to require essays, you should begin writing and editing those throughout the summer. However, your final essays need to match the colleges' 2011 application (which is usually available at the beginning of August).

- Check www.commonapp.org to see if some of colleges are members. This could save you time.
- Create a Docufide account! You must do this to send your official transcript electronically. This is the new way colleges are accepting transcripts.
<http://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/stoney-creek-high-school/pages/6310/counselors>
- Refresh and rest up

Fall of Senior Year

- If you would like to take the ACT one more time because you are not satisfied with your score, you can do this on September 10th. (You must register by August 12th, www.actstudent.org)
- If you need to take the SAT (or SAT Subject Tests) and have not already, sign up for the October 1st test date. Register at www.collegeboard.com by September 9th.
- Submit/Send college applications starting in September 2010 (first week of school)**
- Research scholarship opportunities and apply for scholarships
 - o www.scholarships.com
 - o www.fastweb.com
- Attend college visits & College Night (Oct. 18th) at Stoney Creek in the fall if you're still undecided on where you want to attend college
- Keep up your grades

Resources

- Michigan College Guide www.michigancollegeguide.com
- Career Cruising: www.careercruising.com
(below is an EXAMPLE... use the same login information you use for the computers at school, and add 'RCS-' to the beginning of your username
Username: RCS-PCARLI2954
Password: PC6291
- College Board www.collegeboard.com
SAT information, test questions, and planning and financial tools
- ACT: www.actstudent.org ACT information, test questions, and planning tools
- Peterson's Guide to Colleges: www.petersons.com
- Fiske Guide to Colleges: www.fiskeguide.com
- U.S. News & World Report Rankings: www.usnews.com
- Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com
Test prep, in-depth school profiles and ranking lists, school recommendations based on your interests
- Go College: www.gocollege.com
- College View: www.collegeview.com