Senior Year Timeline

September/October

- Register for SAT / ACT
- Complete <u>Teacher Recommendation Profile Sheets</u> and give them to the teachers who you are asking for letters of recommendation from. Also follow up through <u>Naviance</u>. (Click on the Colleges tab, then click Colleges Home, then scroll down to Apply to Colleges and click Letters of Recommendation)
- Complete the <u>Transcript Release Form</u> and return it to Guidance
- □ Complete the **E-mail Permission Form** and return it to Guidance
- Complete your <u>Brag Sheet</u> and return it to Guidance
- □ Write your college essay
- Create a resume optional
- □ Finalize college list (make sure to include financial and admission safety schools in your list)
- Complete the Common Application if your schools are on it (www.commonapp.org), and/or the colleges' own application if not
- Create a timeline for deadlines (applications, financial aid).
 Note: You should submit applications to Guidance AT LEAST two weeks before the application due date
- Complete a <u>PRHS Online Application Form</u> (aka the "Green Sheet") for all schools you are applying to, and return it to your counselor. For copies, in Naviance go to home page, scroll down to Document Resources and then down to Online Application Form (Green Sheet).
- Release SAT scores through <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> and/or ACT scores through <u>www.actstudent.org</u> to the schools you are applying to

September/October (Continued)

- □ Attend:
 - The PTSA College Fair on September 24th
 - The RCC College Fair on October 22nd
- Parents attend Financial Aid Night at Pearl River High School on October 24th
- College Visits
- Complete NCAA Form (<u>www.ncaaclearinghouse.net</u>) for students planning to play Division 1or 2 college sports
- Parents begin to complete FAFSA worksheet for financial aid.
 (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Obtain CSS Profile for financial aid if school requires (check list at www.collegeboard.com/profile)

November

- Early Action and Early Decision Deadlines (usually November 1 and 15)
- Essays should be written, edited by an English Teacher and read by counselors
- □ Enjoy Disney and lots of turkey!

December

 Continue to apply to schools (January 1 and 15 are a big deadlines for competitive schools)

January

Prepare for mid-year exams

February

 Mid- year reports automatically sent to each school to which a senior applies. This is done after report cards are printed.

March

- Register for Advanced Placement Tests in the Guidance Office
- Letters begin to arrive from colleges

April

Student notification of acceptance continues. Make sure to notify schools you have decided not to attend so that others may have an opportunity. Make sure to let your counselor know about your acceptances too!

May

- □ Deposits due May 1st at most competitive colleges
- Review financial packages

June

□ Prepare for exams, Prom and GRADUATION!