Senior Newsletter

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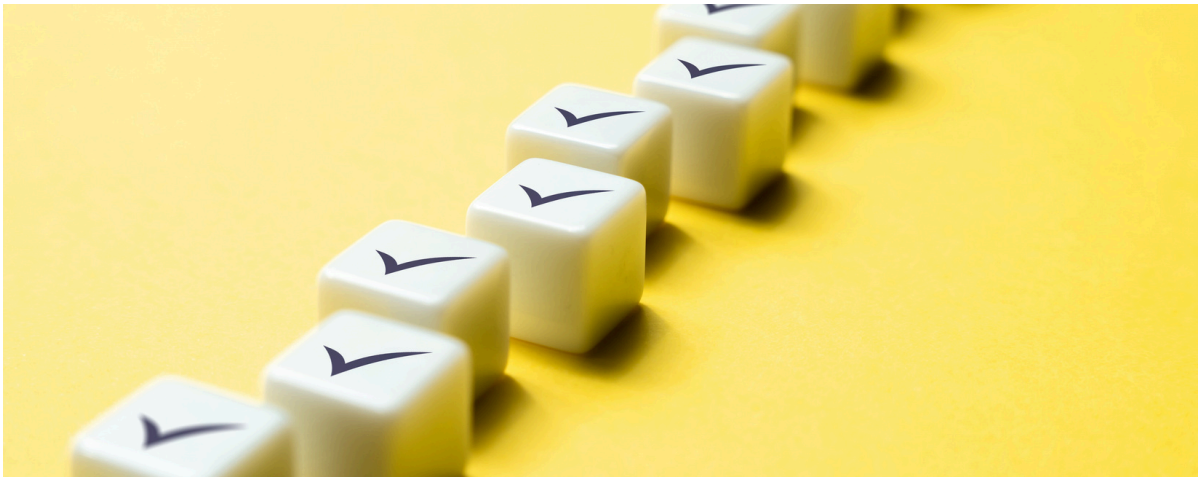


College Application Checklist

As application deadlines approach, sometimes seniors get nervous about checking all the boxes and getting everything done correctly. Here's a good general checklist you can save to track details.

Remember to apply using a **mature personal email address. Check it daily**! You may want to create a folder for each school you applied to so you can easily save and find communication. Actually open and read the emails - some schools track this as a measure of interest and engagement. Track deadlines on a calendar (written or digital) so you won't miss anything.

Use your **legal given name**, **every time**, on everything. When the name on your application doesn't match your high school transcript, your AP account, your SAT scores, etc, confusion and duplicate accounts can create admission delays and make you look disorganized or careless.

Give three weeks notice for **letters of recommendation** to be written. Ask in person, then request through Naviance. Send Mrs. Kimosh your **senior brag sheet** to share!

Submit your **SAT scores through your own** College Board account. Allow three weeks for delivery.

Keep track! Check Naviance for submissions, file your FAFSA promptly, save your email passwords, portal account passwords, and student id numbers somewhere you can find them if you forget. Return emails and phone calls as soon as possible.

Midyear transcripts are available usually by the first week of February, after exams are done and graded. These will show schools your final first semester grades.

Say THANK YOU to those helping you - parents, teachers, coaches, admission reps, etc.

In this newsletter you can expect:

- Application Checklist
- Final Campus Visits
- Local College Fairs
- Michigan Career Pathfinder
- Upcoming Visits

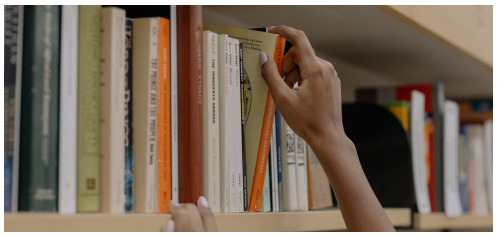
Final Campus Visits

A final campus visit can help you decide among the two or three schools you've narrowed down to. Try to get an **every day life** experience. Some schools offer "revisit" days for seniors!
Stay overnight if possible or visit in the evening to walk around and pay attention to campus life and **safety**. Look for visible campus security, blue-light emergency phones, and reliable nighttime bus or shuttle services.
Ask to **sit in** on a general education class or one in your major. Ask students what they love most about the school and what they would change.

Visit the library, gym, dining spots, music venues, or stadiums you expect to use. How far are these places from typical freshman dorms?
Meet with a professor in your major. Ask about introductory and upper-level courses, typical assignments, any research or projects they are involved in, and what they love about the school.
Pay attention. Trust your observations, ask questions, and imagine yourself living and learning there. Are you impressed by their best features? Do you feel safe and welcome? Do the places you visit seem efficient and well-kept?

College Fairs

College fairs let you **explore options** and **compare schools** all in one place. Discover colleges you may not have considered, ask admissions representatives **questions** about majors and campus life, and learn about **scholarships**, financial aid, and application **fee waivers**!
They also give you a chance to **practice** introducing yourself and talking with college reps before the application process begins.
Find local **upcoming college fairs** through the National Association for College Admission Counseling or GoToCollegeFairs.



Resources and Events

Free Career Planning: Michigan Career Pathfinder is a free, comprehensive resource for post-graduation planning. Click on "Get a Job" for labor market data and the Michigan Hot 50 job outlook!

College Visits during Advisory:
***October 21**- Kettering Univ (Flint, MI), Grand Canyon Univ (Arizona)
***October 26** (**lunch**) - Freed-Hardeman Univ (Tennessee)
***October 27** (**lunch**) - Grand Valley State Univ (Allendale, MI)
***October 29** - Cedarville University (Cedarville, OH)