

## LCHS Senior Year Career/College Planner

### August

- Make sure you know exactly what classes you need for graduation – see Mrs. Gordon if you are not scheduled for all classes.
- Review your transcript and check for accuracy – let Mrs. Gordon know if you see any errors or have questions.
- Sign in to [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) using your USERNAME (lastname4digit DOB [mmdd]) and PASSWORD (trojans).
- Continue research into potential colleges, college majors, careers on [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org).
- Put all college application, financial aid, and scholarship deadlines on your calendar.
- Sign up for SAT Question of the Day email.
- Register to take the SAT/ACT if needed.
- Visit with college representatives when they visit the LCHS campus.
- Plan college visits to schools that interest you (4 NI days for seniors, get form to Mrs. Walker 2-3 days before your visit).
- Make military contacts.

### September

- Sept. 8 – Progress Reports.
- Add activities, honors/awards, and leadership to your résumé. See the résumé example under useful links in the counselor section of the LCHS website.
- Register to take the ACCUPLACER if you plan to attend TCSG or a junior college.
- Register to take the ASVAB if you plan to enter the military.
- Make a list of colleges you are considering and keep a file of deadlines and required admission items for each school
- Give any recommendation forms to the appropriate teachers or counselors with stamped, addressed envelopes, making certain that your portions of the forms are filled out completely. Allow ample time for them to complete the recommendation.

### October

- October 18<sup>th</sup> – report cards.
- College Night is September 28th. Probe College fair will be in the gym. Plan to attend and bring your parents.
- Get started on essays to be included in college or scholarship applications

### November

- November 15 – Progress reports.
- Continue to check the LCHS guidance newsletter for scholarships, as well as [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org).
- Work on your scholarship applications, and mail according to deadlines.
- Check with the financial aid office of schools you are applying to for specific information on scholarships and costs.

### December

- Submit all applications with January 1 deadline.
- Take final exams on December 19-21.
- Consider touring a college campus over Christmas break.
- Talk with your parents about your college plans and their financial support of your college experience.

### January

- January 10 – report cards.
- Re-check your graduation status.
- Complete and submit your college financial aid application and the FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) between January 1 and February 15.
- Observe deadlines for admissions, financial aid, testing and housing deposits.
- Contact the admissions office of the colleges to which you have applied to make sure that your information has been received, and they have everything they need from you.

- Schedule a meeting with Mrs. Gordon to discuss your college/career goals.

### February

- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports.
- Contact the financial aid office of the colleges to which you have applied to make sure your information has been received and they have everything they need.
- Observe deposit deadlines for colleges.
- Check your selective service status.

### March

- March 14 – Report Cards.
- Compare your acceptance letters, financial aid and scholarship offers.
- Begin to research opportunities for summer work, internships, camps, and activities.

### April

- Use Spring Break to visit prospective colleges.
- Finalize your post-secondary enrollment.
- Prepare cover letter and resume for selected occupations, if appropriate.
- Begin the job application process, if appropriate.

### May

- AP exams May 1 – May 19.
- Final exams are May 22.
- Graduation (be aware of dress code) – May 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!!

### June

- Send your final transcripts to the colleges you will be attending, using your [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org).
- Contact your college to determine when fees for tuition, room and board are due, and how much they will cost.
- Participate in any summer orientation programs for incoming freshmen.