

## CHS Senior Timeline- Cedarville High School Code: 360830

### August-September

- Register for ACT/SAT    ACT online- [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)    SAT online- [www.satsuite.collegeboard.com](http://www.satsuite.collegeboard.com)

\*\*If you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse/ NAIA, be sure to **send testing results directly to them** and keep track of NCAA approved courses. NCAA register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and NAIA register at <https://play.mynaia.org/>

- Narrow your college search to your top 5 schools. Use SchoolLinks for help. Find information about colleges on SchoolLinks or [visit with Mrs. Tingelstad](#) to discuss your college interests. Attend the meetings at CHS with different college reps. Sign up on SchoolLinks under “Events” at the top of the homepage.
  - Ashland University- 9/20 advisory
  - Rio Grande University- 10/15 advisory
  - Indiana Wesleyan University- 10/24 advisory
  - And many more to come! Check the announcements!
- Start completing college applications. Most schools use the Common Application which is found in your SchoolLinks account, you **MUST** access it through your SchoolLinks account or use the specific application for your college on their website. (You should take your time working on applications, especially essays) Help with essays can be found at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). You can also follow the College Board and Common App on social media.
- As for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, etc. Fill out the [Senior Activity Sheet](#) **several weeks prior** to the day you need it to allow time to write the letter. Copies are located on the school website under “Counselor Forms.” Some colleges may not require a letter of recommendation but it could be beneficial to highlight your strengths if you feel like your grades or test scores do not accurately reflect your abilities and strengths as a student. **If you are using the Common App please make sure to fill out an activity sheet for Mrs. Tingelstad to submit a counselor recommendation. You must add the teacher’s email for a letter of recommendation via SchoolLinks.**
- Continue searching for scholarship opportunities by checking [Mrs. Tingelstad’s scholarship page](#) for an updated scholarship list, listen to the morning announcements, check the availability of scholarships at the colleges of your choice and use helpful resources to find scholarship opportunities. Some helpful websites include SchoolLinks, [Tuition Funding Sources](#) , <https://www.raise.me/> , [Pay for College | OhioMeansJobs](#), and [collegeboard.com/scholarships](http://collegeboard.com/scholarships).
- **Know the application deadlines** of your top 5 schools. Some deadlines are as early as **October 1st** for some competitive schools/programs and for academic scholarships.
- Begin to take your college visits. The school gives you 3 excused days. Call the college first and set up an appointment. Get college visit forms from the schools website under “[Counselor Forms](#)” and turn it into the office before you go on your visit. **All visits must be prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### October-November

- Request to have your transcript sent to colleges and universities. You must submit the application via SchoolLinks first. Some colleges are “test optional.” Transcripts will be sent without ACT scores unless otherwise requested.
- Allow at least **1 week** for your transcript to be processed. Transcripts will be sent directly to the college unless otherwise stated. If you need a copy go to SchoolLinks, click on School-Record requests- download unofficial transcript or click to send official transcript to someone outside of a college by entering their email address (ie. scholarships, special programs etc).
- If you would like for your CCP credits to be transferred to a college or university you need to contact the college to have your official transcript sent. If you want to know how your credits will transfer to another college in Ohio you can check out <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov> or speak with someone in the admissions office at the college or university you plan to attend.

**December- May** \*\*Most colleges require a final decision by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

- Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms online. Submit to all your colleges. If you are going to attend college, your family should do a FAFSA, even if your family thinks you won't qualify for financial aid. **Colleges use FAFSA information to make scholarship decisions too.** Again, don't miss deadlines. FAFSA should be submitted as soon as possible and as early as **December 2024**. Use this exact website for the FAFSA <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Be sure to use only this website as there are scammers who have created similar websites designed to steal your personal information.
  - **FAFSA Night- February 18th from 3-6:30pm in the Library at CHS**
- **Submit college applications.** Make sure to observe all deadlines. Refer to the guidelines for requesting a transcript on the previous page.
- Once you have received your College Award Letter informing you of your financial aid package, **VISIT the Financial Aid office of your college.**
- **Continue applying for scholarships.** Do your own scholarship search on the internet. **Never pay anyone for scholarship information**, it's a popular scam. Most applications for the scholarships will be online or on the schools website <https://www.cedarcliffschools.net/scholarship-list.html> The scholarship list on Cedarville's website will be updated as the scholarships roll in so be sure to check weekly for updates. The DeWine Scholarship will be mailed to your house in December. The other local scholarships will start coming in January/February. They will be highlighted in red on the school website. If awarded a scholarship, don't forget to write a “thank you” to the organization. I have thank you cards in my office if you need one.
- Fill out a final transcript request to have your official final high school transcript sent to the college you plan to attend, don't forget to include NCAA/NAIA if you plan to play a sport.