**~ August ~**

**Please check out our IHS Counseling website for any important dates and links to helpful tools to help you succeed your senior year! Go Highlanders!**

* Begin researching and touring colleges that may be a good fit for you! Check out our website where you can find links and workshops that can help you narrow down your colleges. Check out [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org)
* Reminder to register and take your SAT/ or ACT exams. **\*Not all schools are requiring these exams\***
	+ [www.actstudents.org](http://www.actstudents.org)
	+ [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com)
* Create a Common Application account. This will allow you to work on your college applications. <https://www.commonapp.org/>
* Apply for Free & Reduced Lunch <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/1166>

**~ September ~**

* Attend Senior Info Night - *TBD*
* Begin researching for scholarships. If you have any questions, please contact Deirdre Carney, or see our website. ***\*\*IHS Counseling site is updated regularly\*\****
* Grad plan review with your counselor

**~ October ~**

* Attend a College Fair.
* College **Early Applications** tend to start having a deadline beginning this month.
* Communicate with teachers/counselors for Recommendation Letters. You want to give a teacher 2 weeks’ notice from your application deadline so they can plan accordingly.
* Nevada Bound: UNR campus visit - *TBD*
* Continue checking out colleges! Use October Break for this time, if possible!

**~ November ~**

* If you have not yet, please sign up for SAT/ or ACT exams! *\*OPTIONAL\**
* Early applications tend to be due around this time! (Check colleges website)
* Consider taking **ASVAB**! This is for students who plan to go into the military or for potential scholarship $$. *\*\*Also, Career Ready endorsement and personality assessment\*\**
* Register for the NCAA, if you plan to play a sport in college. <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
* Register for the NAIA <https://www.naia.org/landing/index>
* Jostens (for graduation): cap and gown, announcements, etc. **Must order online.** <https://www.jostens.com/>

**~ December ~**

* The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens! This could qualify you for grants, loans, and work study. Everyone is recommended to apply for FAFSA. You can apply online at <https://studentaid.gov/> .
* **Regular Decision** - begin to submit college application (check college website).
* Last chance to take SAT and ACT exams for college early action or scholarship.
* Prepare for IHS Scholarship application. More information will be provided in January.
* Finish semester strong! ***\*Mid-year reports will be submitted to Common App.\****

**~ January ~**

* College **early** decisions being to arrive!
* Continue to submit applications!
* Complete application for IHS Scholarship
* Study for finals!

**~ February ~**

* This is the time to visit more colleges!
* Begin to look at FAFSA deadlines. Check out their website for each state is different.
* Review your grad plan and transcript with your counselor.

**~ March ~**

* Review financial aid award letter. Please communicate with counselor about your awards too.

**~ April ~**

* College decision letters are arriving!
* Officially accept admission offers.

**~ May ~**

* May 1st is “National College Decision Day”! Colleges you plan to attend require a commitment and deposit. **Notify your counselor once your decision has been made*.*** Also, notify other schools you were accepted in, that you will not be attending their school.
* Study for and take AP Exams!
* Keep up with your schoolwork! On the home stretch!

**~ June ~**

* Request official transcripts be sent to your institution.
* Take your 2nd semester exams!
* ****Scholarship Night
* **GRADUATION!!!**