

SENIOR CHECKLIST 2018-2019

You should complete the following during the course of your senior year in order to make graduation and the transition from high school trouble free. Most items discussed below can be found on the School Counseling Department Webpage!

NOW	Senior credit check—do you have enough credits to graduate? 24.5 are required
NOW	Have you taken the required courses? 8 Semesters of English 6 Semesters of Math 4 Semesters of Social Studies 6 Semesters of Science 1 Semester of Health 1 Semester of Resource Management
NOW	Have you passed both Constitution tests? This occurred in your US History class.
NOW	Have you signed up for your Parchment account? This is a free service which provides secure online transcript ordering. Instructions for registering can be provided if still needed.
OCT-DEC	If you plan to apply to a 4-year college/university, are you happy with your ACT/SAT score? Next ACT: Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 (December 8 ACT last possible for most—may be too late for some?) You must register by September 28, 2018 for the October test and by November 2 for December to avoid late penalty. You can register online at www.act.org . Our school code is 140-305. Our test center code is 195940. The cost is \$50.50 for the ACT No Writing and \$67.00 for Writing. ACT Fee Waiver free/reduced lunch students Next SAT: Saturday, Oct 6, 2018 , Nov 3, 2018 & Dec 1, 2018 (Registration deadlines to avoid penalty: Sept 7, Oct 5 and Nov 2) You can register online at www.collegeboard.org . School code is 140-305 but we do not serve as a test center. The cost is \$47.50 for the SAT No Essay and \$64.50 for the SAT with Essay. SAT Fee Waiver free/reduced lunch students
OCT	If you plan to attend college, the Financial Aid (FAFSA) application process opens on October 1, 2018. Have you filled out the financial aid forms? Apply even if you don't think you are eligible. (FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid) This should be done online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . We recommend an initial submission to receive your FSA ID number sometime in September and then follow up with the official submission after October 1 using your Income Tax information you completed in the Spring of 2018. We will have FAFSA help nights at CM: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 and Thursday, October 25, 2018. Each evening will be broken into 2 sessions. Please visit our website for more details and for a list of what to bring with you. You can also visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) web site. www.isac.org
OCT	Have you investigated college, vocational school, military, or work requirements? Plan to attend the fall Illinois Regional College Fair at SIUE on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018 6:00 – 7:30 PM
FALL	Have you visited those schools or jobs in which you are interested? Listen to college representatives who visit the Counseling Office. In house College Rep visits are posted in the announcements and on our website: www.bethalto.org and require a pass to be obtained at least one day prior to day of visit. Military recruiters are often in our school during the lunch period. (ASVAB scheduled at CM on October 19, 2018 and March 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM) Each Senior has one college visit day to use. Please bring a note from your parent into the counseling office <i>prior</i> to the day of the visit. Please take advantage of non-school attendance days to attend preview days at the colleges.
FALL	Have you obtained and sent out applications for colleges? Watch deadlines carefully; note application fees; note immunization requirements; merit scholarships—deadline? Separate application for scholarships? <i>Never list a teacher/counselor as a reference on a college/scholarship application without checking with the individual first. Many times, this person will be contacted to provide detailed information about you!</i> College Application Fee waiver for free/reduced lunch students
FALL	Athletes who are attending college and think they might play at a NCAA sanctioned school need to register with NCAA Clearinghouse. Online registration is preferred. https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3 NAIA schools also have eligibility requirements. Students planning to play at a NAIA sanctioned school must go to www.playnaia.org to register. NCAA Fee waiver for free/reduced lunch students
EARLY APRIL	Students who plan to attend Lewis and Clark Community College may be given the opportunity to go with the counselors to take a tour and make their schedules. Please read your announcements and check your Gmail regarding the tour date. Sign-up will be required.
ALL YEAR	If you need an official or unofficial transcript for a scholarship or to be sent to a college, <u>the student</u> can email tdiveley@bethalto.org , log into his/her Parchment account, or stop by the counseling office to fill out a form.
ALL YEAR	Have you applied for other scholarships? Visit the School Counseling Department website page for a detailed list of scholarships offered.
ALL YEAR	Avoid Senioritis!! You don't want to start your first semester at college on Academic Probation—or worse yet, slip up and not graduate.
ALL YEAR	Be sure to send thank you notes to anyone who has helped you or to those from whom you have received scholarships.
ALL YEAR	Still undecided on a college major or a career field for after high school? Visit the School Counseling Department website page for a link to Career Coach. Take an interest inventory and investigate careers!
MAY	Please make sure that you sign the form from the counseling office to get your final transcript sent to the college you have chosen to attend.
JUNE	If you are NOT attending Lewis and Clark CC, don't forget that if you took Lewis and Clark classes that you also need to have that transcript sent to your college of choice. Please check the Lewis and Clark website to request a transcript.
	Remember— Men must register for the Selective Service (draft) within 30 days of your 18 th birthday. This can be completed at the post office or on line at www.sss.gov/ . Failure to do so can hinder you in the process for Financial Aid or other governmental programs.