

SENIOR CHECKLIST 2023-2024

You should complete the following during 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? <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">8 Semesters of English 4 Semesters of Science</div> <div style="text-align: center;">6 Semesters of Math 1 Semester of Health</div> <div style="text-align: center;">5 Semesters of Social Studies (World, US & Civics) 1 Semester of Resource Management</div> </div>
NOW	Have you passed both Constitution tests? This occurred in your Civics class.
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 28, 2023. You must register by Sept 22, 2023 for the October test 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 \$68.00 for the ACT No Writing and \$93.00 for Writing. ACT Fee Waiver for free/reduced lunch students Next SAT: Saturday, October 7, 2023. You must register by September 8 to avoid a late penalty. 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 \$60.00 for the SAT No Essay. (SAT with Essay is no longer offered by College Board.) SAT Fee Waiver for free/reduced lunch students.
OCT	If you plan to attend college, the Financial Aid (FAFSA) application process opens in December 2023 (exact date has not been released). IL now requires all seniors to complete the FAFSA process. (FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid) This should be done online at https://studentaid.gov/ . We recommend an initial submission to receive your FSA ID number sometime in November and then follow up with the official submission in December using your Income Tax information you completed in the Spring of 2023. We will host a FAFSA Completion Night on February 15 which is the evening of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please visit our website for more details and for a list of necessary documents for completing FAFSA. You can also visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) web site. www.isac.org. You need to complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA for a Fall 2024 college start.
FALL	Have you investigated college, vocational school, military, or work requirements? Check our weekly email update “newsletter” for all of the latest information on local opportunities to meet with professionals from each sector.
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: College & Military Visits and require a pass to be obtained at least one day prior to day of visit. Look for more information to come! Military recruiters will set up “visits” in the commons during lunch. ASVAB scheduled at CM on October 20, 2023, and May 3, 2024. ASVAB Practice Each student has two college visit days to use beginning in the 11th grade. 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 and weekend “Preview” days to attend college visits.
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> Provide any recommender with your resume for reference. 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 the 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 and NAIA Fee waiver for free/reduced lunch students
MARCH/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 which will be in the Spring. 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
ALL YEAR	Have you applied for other scholarships? Visit the School Counseling Department website page for a detailed list of scholarships offered. Scholarships
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 dual credit classes you also need to have your LCCC transcript sent to your college of choice. Please check the Lewis and Clark website to request a LCCC transcript.
	Remember— Men must register for the Selective Service (draft) within 30 days of their 18 th birthday. This can be completed at the post office or online at www.sss.gov/ . Failure to do so can hinder you in the process for Financial Aid or other governmental programs.

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