

# STELLER SECONDARY

## SENIOR “PREPARING FOR COLLEGE” CALENDAR

September	October	November	December	January
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Register for Oct or Nov SAT</li> <li>➤ Register for October ACT.</li> <li>➤ Update student questionnaire forms.</li> <li>➤ Meet with counselor to review college list &amp; your graduation requirements.</li> <li>➤ Call any colleges you have not contacted for applications; organize files; photocopy applications; begin rough drafts.</li> <li>➤ Remind your parents to gather financial records &amp; get financial counseling if needed.</li> <li>➤ Decide the number of colleges and cost of applying.</li> <li>➤ Submit PROFILE registration form for schools requiring PROFILE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Register for December ACT, SAT and/or SAT II.</li> <li>➤ Take ACT and/or SAT I or II.</li> <li>➤ Attend College Night and various college information programs.</li> <li>➤ Finish research, compare colleges, and reduce list to five to ten schools.</li> <li>➤ Plan visits and interviews to colleges while they are in session (send thank you).</li> <li>➤ Attend college weekends.</li> <li>➤ Work on rough draft essays and applications.</li> <li>➤ Send in “early decision,” “early action” applications.</li> <li>➤ Begin U of A Applications.</li> <li>➤ Watch scholarships.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Send in U of A applications as early in the month as possible.</li> <li>➤ Take SAT I or SAT II.</li> <li>➤ Register for December ACT.</li> <li>➤ Finish all rough draft applications &amp; essays. Review them w/ counselor, teacher, &amp; parent.</li> <li>➤ Give all recommendation and secondary school evaluation forms to teachers and counselor to complete.</li> <li>➤ Apply to your “choice colleges.” Make sure you have all the necessary paperwork turned in.</li> <li>➤ Observe deadlines. Send transcripts and test scores.</li> <li>➤ Keep your grades up. Colleges <u>do</u> look at semester &amp; year-end grades!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Take SAT I or II or ACT, if needed.</li> <li>➤ Work on and send in private college applications as you finish them.</li> <li>➤ Plan holiday visits to colleges..</li> <li>➤ Collect Financial Aid information and pick up FAFSA forms in the counseling office.</li> <li>➤ Attend Financial Aid Night.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Request 7<sup>th</sup> semester transcripts be sent to colleges that request them.</li> <li>➤ Check with teachers, counselor and colleges that all forms have been mailed.</li> <li>➤ Let your counselor know your first choice colleges. Stay in contact with your representative at those colleges. Ask if you can send any additional academic or talent information or letters.</li> <li>➤ Watch application deadlines.</li> <li>➤ Keep sending your applications. It is not too late to apply to many colleges.</li> <li>➤ FAFSA may be sent anytime after January 1.</li> </ul>
February	March	April	May	June
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Check that the college has received financial, test scores and all other forms. Can you apply for housing now?</li> <li>➤ Some college acceptance letters may arrive. Inform your counselor when you hear from a college.</li> <li>➤ Pursue scholarships; Watch due dates.</li> <li>➤ Stay calm and enjoy your senior year.</li> <li>➤ Send thank you notes to teachers, counselor, and anyone who helped you through the process.</li> <li>➤ Make a senior star.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Submit tax forms to the Financial Aid Office of colleges who request them.</li> <li>➤ Send any new material that may help to colleges.</li> <li>➤ Watch for Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive, (amount of student aid you are eligible for). Make sure your colleges receive it. Keep the original.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All colleges should respond.</li> <li>➤ Decide where you wish to go. Revisit if necessary. Go to information meetings you are invited to. Write to the college you accept and those you do not. Inform counselor and teachers of your decision.</li> <li>➤ Wait listed? Write “pleading letter” and ask for help. Most colleges decide in June/July.</li> <li>➤ Register for AP tests.</li> <li>➤ Start looking for a summer job. You may need the money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Mail in deposit to <u>one</u> college by May 1. Sign and return financial award letter also, if you received one, to accept it.</li> <li>➤ Fill out loan applications.</li> <li>➤ AP exams.</li> <li>➤ Fill out housing forms, if available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Congratulations, Graduate!</li> <li>➤ Enjoy your summer. You deserve it.</li> <li>➤ Turn in your final transcript request to counselor.</li> <li>➤ Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration days offered by your college.</li> <li>➤ Read books on how to survive in college – physically, emotionally, and academically.</li> <li>➤ Send thank you notes for any scholarships you have received.</li> </ul>

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