**Senior Year**

**September**

* Determine teacher and counselor recommendations
* Review scholarship and financial aid information
* Consider re-taking the SAT or ACT if necessary
* Contact all colleges on your list for more information
* Check on early decision, early action and regular decision applications and deadlines

**October**

* Begin work on applications
* Complete applications for early decision and early action
* Create account on washboard.org to begin the scholarship search
* FAFSA opens/complete FAFSA with parent as early as possible
* Start working on Scholarship applications
* Potentially re-take the SAT or ACT

**November**

* Complete applications with December deadlines
* Finish all rough draft applications and essays. Go over these with a parent, teacher or counselor
* Continue scholarship search/applications
* Last opportunity to take the SAT/ACT

**December**

* Finish applications with January deadlines
* Write thank you notes to staff who have written you letters of recommendation
* If planning to attend a two year college, begin researching to determine which will be the best match for you
* Remember that school is closed for winter break. Complete applications early so that if you have questions you can still access your counselor and be able to meet January deadlines

**January**

* Complete the FAFSA if you haven’t done so already
* Explore financial aid opportunities
* Stay in touch with your first choice college – visit, email etc.

**February**

* Some college acceptance letters may arrive
* Begin charting comparisons of colleges where you have been accepted

**March**

* Submit tax forms to Financial Aid Offices of colleges who request them
* Watch for your Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive, giving the amount of student aid for which you are eligible
* Seek out help for interpreting your SAR if needed
* Attend College Fair at VHS if interested

**April**

* Admission decisions should arrive!
* Decide where you wish to attend by looking at desire, areas of study, financial aid packages etc.
* Notify colleges of your decision to attend or not by May 1

**May**

* Send in confirmation and housing deposits to the college of your choice
* Notify your counselor of your final decision. This information is used to celebrate and publish what our students are doing after they leave VHS
* Send your final transcript using Parchment
* Take AP exams if enrolled in AP classes

**June**

* Graduate from Vashon High School!
* Send thank you notes for any scholarships you received
* Prepare for LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL
* Have fun, be safe and keep in touch with VHS