Getting ready for Senior year and beyond

* How many credits and what courses do I need to graduate?
* How many community service hours do I need to graduate?
* Do I need to make up credits? See your counselor ASAP about summer school.
* **Picking a College-**

Plan a visit during summer if possible.

Sign up for informational meetings with college representatives in the Counseling office.

Utilize Career Cruising to research colleges, majors, careers, and financial aid/scholarships. www.careercruising.com.

Sign up to follow the Counseling Dept. @SLHSCounseling on twitter for important information about scholarships, college visits, and community service.

* Retake the ACT in June or October if desired. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
* **Dual Enrollment**- Eligible Seniors are allowed to take up to two college courses a semester at Macomb Community College. To apply for Fall, 2012 please see your counselor prior to the end of the school year.
* **College applications**-

Apply online or by paper application. Pay close attention to deadlines.

Request your transcripts to be sent from the counseling office.

Letters of Recommendation-Teachers, Counselor, Coach, administrator. Please request your letter of recommendation at least 2 weeks in advance.

 Pay attention to application deadlines.

Some colleges require an essay. Ask your English teacher to read your rough draft.

Some colleges offer early admission deadlines, these deadlines are generally in October or November.

* **Financial Aid**-

**Types:** Grants, Scholarships, Work-Study and Loans.

 Attend financial aid night in January.

 Complete the FAFSA online after Jan. 1st, 2013.

The deadline for FAFSA state aid in Michigan is March, 1st.

Scholarship searches online-www.fastweb.com, [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com), [www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com).

Private scholarships- drawer in counseling office.

Pay attention to deadlines.