

DECEMBER TO-DO LIST:



Check your email and admissions portals weekly.

Colleges expect you to monitor your email and admission portals for important updates and notifications, including admission decisions. Make it a habit to check your accounts, but don't let yourself fall into the hit-refresh-every-minute trap either.



Review your list of colleges with regular decision deadlines.

Check your overall list of schools to make sure you have at least one option that you are confident about your chance for admission and one that will be affordable regardless of financial aid offered. Reach out to your NT counselor for help if needed.



Request transcripts and prepare your essays before break.

The PHSC office is CLOSED over winter break. For colleges with 01/01 deadlines, you must submit your transcript request form no later than 12/15.

Also, remember to order test scores through [ACT](#) or [SAT](#). If you wish to have your NT counselor review any essays, please schedule an appointment *prior to* winter break.



Research financial aid.

File the FAFSA, and (if required) CSS Profile. Once filed, check your admission portals to see if any additional documentation is required. Check the [Green Sheet](#) for monthly merit scholarship postings; this is linked in the Scholarship page in Canvas. The FAFSA is now a graduation requirement in Illinois. If you prefer to not apply, complete the required opt-out form in the PowerSchool parent portal.



Be mindful and stay focused.

As colleges begin to release admissions decisions, be mindful of how you celebrate (or commiserate) over your and your peers' news. Be tactful in how you react and respectful of what others around you might be going through. Remember, senior year grades count, as offers of admission are conditional. Stay focused on a strong finish to the year.

[CHECK OUT THE GAP YEAR FAIR](#)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH

CLICK [HERE](#) FOR MORE DETAILS!

ENJOY YOUR BREAK! YOU'VE EARNED IT!