**Post-Secondary Planning**

**Class of 2019 Summer Checklist**

**COLLEGE**

1. Research colleges in Family Connection (accessed via Blackboard 24/7).
   * Complete *College Search*
   * Save to *My Colleges* > *Colleges I’m Thinking About* \*this will generate an email to you when one of these colleges holds an information session in the Career Center.
   * Use the *Compare Me* tool in *My Colleges* and review scattergram graphs. Make sure you are applying to at least one safety school (you and your school counselor are confident you will be accepted).
   * Take note of college deadlines and prioritize your applications
2. Register for the **Summer Application Workshop** by ***Thursday, June 14***. Workshop Date: August 8 and 9. Register on MySchoolBucks. Cost: $50.
3. Select one teacher to complete the *Teacher Comment* *Form\**.
4. Complete the *Student Questionnaire\* and Parent Questionnaire\**.
5. Polish your *Resume\*.*
6. Register for the **Student Services Class of 2019** google classroom, using code lu5krw0.
7. Sign up for **Remind Texts** from Student Services. Text To: **81010** Message: **@mcleancla**
8. Schedule college visits.
9. Begin thinking of teachers you want to ask to write a letter of recommendation. You are encouraged to put in your request before you leave for the summer. You may use the *Teacher Recommendation Request Form\** with each teacher.
10. Register for the summer or fall SAT and/or Fall ACT tests.
11. Many applications are available by August 1. Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays and assemble portfolios or audition tapes. Review Common Application essays (http://www.commonapp.org)
12. Register with NCAA Eligibility Center if you hope to play Division I or II sports. (eligibilitycenter.org)
13. Begin looking for scholarships. Check out the FAFSA4caster to estimate your eligibility for federal student aid. (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
14. Return your completed *Student Questionnaire\* and Parent Questionnair*e\* and *Resume\** to your school counselor **by the first day of school, Monday, August 27, 2018.**

Make sure to involve your parent(s)/guardian(s) in the college application process. Ensure that they are aware of your college and financial aid deadlines and request their assistance with your college search. Discuss any financial or geographical constraints that may exist. Enjoy!

\*Forms and sample resume available in Student Services office, on google classroom, and on the McLean Web Site: <https://mcleanhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-and-career-center/mhs-senior-college-packet>

* Service Academies - <https://www.usa.gov/military-colleges>
* Enlisting – recruiters visit monthly outside the cafeteria. See recruiter contact information under *Colleges* on Family Connection.
* Employment – Complete student and parent questionnaire if recommendation required. <http://www.myskillsource.org/page/id/13/locations>