

SENIOR SUGGESTION SHEET

Senior year is not a time to slack off...your grades and activities are part of your permanent record. Remember to continue to work hard and you will succeed well after leaving high school. Below are some IMPORTANT things to remember during your senior year:

- You are required to complete/pass 24 credits to graduate from Tri-City High School. This includes fulfilling all Tri-City and Illinois State Board graduation requirements (available on our website).
- **Scholarships** will be available throughout the school year. Announcements will be made periodically in the bulletin AND a monthly *Scholarship Bulletin* will be available on our website and in the Guidance Office.

MORE WEBSITES TO SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

www.fastweb.com www.collegezone.com www.zinch.com www.nextstudent.com

- Seniors are given 2 college days during the school year. You must complete college day visit forms 2 days prior to your scheduled college visit. Forms are available in the Guidance Office.
- Apply to at least 3-4 colleges/programs by the application deadlines (usually in December). However, many colleges and universities have earlier filing deadlines; check school websites for information on deadlines.
- **Financial Aid Night** will happen in late November/early December. Listen and look for announcements beginning in November. Encourage your parents/guardians to attend this IMPORTANT informational meeting. The presentation will cover federal and state financial aid, student loans, and the FAFSA application process.
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FAFSA VISIT: www.fafsa.ed.gov <http://studentaid.ed.gov>
- **Letters of recommendation** are an important part of the college and scholarship process. When asking for a letter of recommendation, remember to give the person a few days to complete the letter. In addition, provide them with a list of your honors and activities and/or your resume.

➤ **OTHER WEBSITES TO VISIT:**

www.collegeboard.com www.act.org www.careercruising.com
username: *tricity* password: *careers*

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ACT/PSAE RETAKE VOUCHER INFORMATION:

From the Illinois State Board of Education: Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, the PSAE will be administered only in the Spring of each school year. The PSAE Fall Retake and all Grade 12 ACT test vouchers will be eliminated, effective immediately. A memorandum posted at www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/2009/psae_sb2014.pdf summarizes the legislative changes brought about by Senate Bill 2014.

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