ATHS
Class of 2019

COLLEGE NIGHT FOR SENIORS AND PARENTS
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<tr>
<th>ACADEMIC AREA</th>
<th>GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>8 semesters (including Speech)</td>
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<td>Math</td>
<td>6 semesters (Algebra, Geometry, additional Math)</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>6 semesters (Biology, a Physical Science and an additional Science)</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>6 semesters (Human Geography, US History, US Gov’t and Economics)</td>
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<td>Reading</td>
<td>Minimum 1 semester (unless exempt)</td>
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<td>Fine Arts or Vocational</td>
<td>3 semesters</td>
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<td>Consumer Management</td>
<td>1 semester</td>
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<td>Elective Credits &amp; PE</td>
<td>13 elective credits; must be enrolled in PE all four years</td>
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<td>Total Credits</td>
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*Other Requirements:* Constitution Test, Health, Information Literacy
Welcome to the Application Process!
### Gather Your Resources

#### College Fairs:

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<tr>
<td>ATHS College Fair</td>
<td>Wednesday, September 19, during lunch periods</td>
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<tr>
<td>NACAC National College Fair at McCormick Place</td>
<td>Saturday, September 29, from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>College of DuPage College Fair</td>
<td>Tuesday, October 16, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.</td>
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#### REMIND 101: Class of 2019 Guidance REMIND Group (text @aths2019 to 81010)

#### Naviance: SuperMatch College Search

#### District 88 Newsletter: Check Guidance News Articles (AT and WB)

#### College Board: bigfuture.collegeboard.org
**Recommended Senior Timeline (FALL)**

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<td>--Narrow list to 5-10 schools (safety, match and reach)</td>
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<td>--Create a calendar and list of requirements/materials</td>
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<td>--Retake standardized tests, if needed</td>
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<td>--Write essays and personal statement</td>
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<td>--Create resume</td>
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<td>--Meet with counselor</td>
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<td>--Ask teachers for recommendations, if needed</td>
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<td>--Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1</td>
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<td>--Complete college and scholarship applications by priority deadlines</td>
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<td>--Maintain good grades</td>
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### Recommended Senior Timeline (WINTER & SPRING)

#### WINTER
- Apply for scholarships
- Check status of applications
- Send colleges semester grades, if required
- Maintain good grades

#### SPRING
- Maintain good grades
- Apply for scholarships
- Review college acceptances
- Review financial aid award letters
- Student-parent-counselor discussions
- Visit top choice(s) one last time
- Commit to one college only before May 1
- Send admission deposit
- Complete any steps required by college
- Send final transcript to college
- Ask questions!
College Application Process: STUDENT

**STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY**

- Online application, On-time application
- Application materials (test scores, essay, transcripts, teacher recommendations and counselor recommendations)
- Deadlines and admission requirements
- Follow-up & check application status
- Senior year grades
- Apply for scholarships
- Communicate with college if a class has been dropped after transcript is sent and application is completed

**Communication with counselor is key**
College Application Process: PARENT

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY
Honest conversations with student
Encourage independence
Assist with organization
Visit campuses
Assist with FAFSA
College Application Process:
COUNSELOR

COUNSELOR RESPONSIBILITY
Help with college search
Complete secondary school report form
Complete counselor forms & recommendations
Assist with application process
Communicate with college representatives
Answer any questions!

KEEP CALM
Your School Counselor CAN HELP
# Official Transcript, Test Score & Recommendation Requests

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<tr>
<th>Application Deadline</th>
<th>Transcript Request Deadline</th>
<th>Letter of Recommendation Request Deadline</th>
<th>SAT or ACT Score Request Deadline</th>
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<td>November 1</td>
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<td>January 1</td>
<td>December 7</td>
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Completed College Application

- Online application, including essay and fee (or fee waiver)
- Test scores from testing agency
- Official high school transcript, if required
- Recommendations, if required
www.commonapp.org (currently open for students to apply)

--About 700 member colleges

--Use your Addison Trail School email

--Complete the FERPA and link Naviance & Common Application

--NOTIFY YOUR COUNSELOR: communication is key!!!!
School-Specific Applications

Many colleges still don’t use the Common Application

Students should apply to these schools through the college’s application on the school website

Some schools have more than one way to apply

Coalition Application?? We suggest-- NO!
Admissions Factors

**Academic Factors:**
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Standardized Test Scores
  SAT and ACT
  Check handout for upcoming dates
- Strength of Curriculum
- Class Rank

**Additional Factors:**
- Strength of Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Community and School Involvement
- Work Experience
- Cultural and Geographic Diversity
- Interviews
- Your Social Media Profile
  Instagram, SnapChat, Facebook, Twitter
Admissions Decisions

**Admit** - Hurray!! Congratulations!!

**Defer** - The college or university has not yet made a decision. Send supplemental material and your 7th semester transcript

**Deny** - Review other options
FAFSA and Financial Aid

-- FAFSA application available online October 1, 2018; complete as soon as possible

-- Use 2017 tax returns to complete FAFSA

-- Grants: PELL, FSEOG, TEACH, MAP, grants from specific schools

-- Work Study

-- Loans: Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, Direct Plus Loans
Some merit-based scholarships are awarded with completed college application.

Some merit-based scholarships must be applied for through the university.

Local scholarships must be applied for on your own or through Addison Trail. Check with your employer, too.

Addison Trail Scholarship Bulletin

Fastweb.com
Making A Final Decision!

- Major(s)
- Size
- Location
- Cost
- Opportunities on campus
- Comfort
## ATHS Important Dates for Senior Parents

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<tr>
<td><em>Financial Aid Night</em></td>
<td>Thursday, September 13 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria</td>
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<td>(financial planners and FAFSA worksheet)</td>
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<td><em>FAFSA Financial Aid Workshop</em></td>
<td>Thursday, September 27 7:00 p.m. in Cafeteria</td>
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<td>(overview of filing the FAFSA, line-by-line)</td>
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<td><em>FAFSA One-on-One Workshop</em></td>
<td>Thursday, October 11 6:00 p.m. in Blazer Room and Forum Room A</td>
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<td><em>Coffee and Conversation with Counselor</em></td>
<td>September 18 &amp; October 30 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in Blazer Room</td>
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<td><em>Guidance Department Open House</em></td>
<td>September 27, February 21 &amp; April 25 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in Guidance Office</td>
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Thank you for attending and actively participating in the educational experience of your student!