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Although school is out for summer break, it is important for upcoming seniors to remember their responsibilities so that they can be prepared for their final year of high school when school rolls around again in late August.

Here are some things that the class of 2014 needs to remember during their summer break:

- Remember your deadlines! Many colleges have already opened enrollment, so you are able to apply to their school, as well as apply to some summer classes to get some early college credits out of the way and open up your high school schedule for the school year.
- Speaking of deadlines, you should be sure to register for the next ACT test that will be administered in September. The final day to register is August 17th, so be sure to visit ACTstudent.org to sign up. ACT scores are very important when applying to colleges and getting accepted into certain programs. ACT Prep is available in multiple forms, including online resources, one-on-one tutoring, CDs, and testing preparation booklets.
- It's important to keep your top choice colleges in mind and since school is out for almost three whole months, you might want to consider paying a visit to the campuses. Visiting a college or school is a great way to get the feel of the campus. Meeting with a few of the students or faculty members could also help you decide whether that school is right for you. There are multiple tours available and you should be encouraged to get online and sign up for one at your top choice school.
- When the time for school gets closer, review your schedule and talk with your counselor to make sure everything is in order. Double check your credits to make sure you meet state criteria. Also, if you know what school you are planning to attend after you graduate, check their requirements too, so you can sign up for some classes that might give you the upper hand before you arrive.
- Although the time to apply isn't exactly here yet, you can prepare yourself by looking over some common applications that will get you ready for the process. It also isn't a bad idea to start thinking of themes for your personal essay that you will be submitting with your application.
- Last but definitely not least, keep a list with your top choice colleges and surf the web to dig up some information before applying to make sure it would be a good choice for you. There are many college representatives that will be meeting you within the next few months, so don't be afraid to ask questions you couldn't find online.

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