

# SENIOR YEAR

## September

Focus on taking a balanced course load and achieving the best possible grades in these classes.



**Teacher Recommendations**  
If they haven't done so already, students should ask teachers for college recommendations. Typically, colleges ask for two teacher recommendations: one from a Humanities class and one from a Math/Science class.



**College Essay Workshop**  
BHS English teachers provide feedback to students on their college essay. For more information on this PTO-sponsored event, visit their website. (bhs-pto.org)

**Application Deadlines**  
Decide whether you want to apply early or regular decision. Confirm deadlines with your college.

**ACT EXAM**  
Students must self-register one month in advance. For more information, visit the ACT website. (act.org)

**SAT AND SAT II SUBJECT EXAMS**  
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**Family Meetings**  
Parents: consider weekly "check-in" meetings with your student. This gives opportunity to discuss progress without falling into the nagging parent trap!

**Demonstrated Interest**  
Students: show your interest in a school! Plan a visit; attend a fair; speak with a rep... and yes, reply to their emails!

**Senior Guidance Seminars**  
Students will meet with their counselors in a group setting to learn about specific steps of the college application process.

**College Rep Visits**  
Representatives from colleges (often the Regional Coordinators) visit

**Materials due for October deadlines**  
Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your college deadline. Check Naviance for due dates.

**Preparing EARLY college applications**  
Students wishing to apply for November or December deadlines should start filling out their applications.

**Senior Parent Night**  
A PTO-sponsored event where parents are informed about the college application process.

## October

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**OCT 1: File for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA.gov)**  
You should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within a month.

**OCT 1: File for CSS/Financial Aid profile (student.collegeboard.org/profile)**  
In addition to FAFSA, many colleges use CSS to award financial aid packages.

**Materials due for November deadlines**  
Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your November deadline.

**Preparing EARLY college applications**  
Students who wish to apply for November or December deadlines should continue filling out their applications.

## November

**SAT AND SAT II SUBJECT EXAMS**  
Students must self-register one month in advance. For more information, visit the College Board website. (CollegeBoard.org)

**Materials due for December deadlines**  
Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your December deadline.

**NOVEMBER 1 & NOVEMBER 15 deadlines**  
November 1st and November 15th applications are due.

**Preparing college applications**  
Students who wish to apply for December and January deadlines should start filling out their applications. (commonapp.org)

## December

**SAT AND SAT II SUBJECT EXAMS**  
Students must self-register one month in advance. For more information, visit the College Board website. (CollegeBoard.org)

**Materials due for January deadlines**  
Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your January deadline.

**DECEMBER 1 & DECEMBER 15 deadlines**  
December 1st and December 15th applications are due.

**Early Decision acceptance letters arrive.**

**ACT EXAM**  
Students must self-register. For more information, visit the ACT website. (act.org)

## January

**SAT FINAL RETAKE EXAM**  
Students must self-register one month in advance. For more information, visit the College Board website. (CollegeBoard.org)

**REGULAR ADMISSION deadlines**  
January 1st and January 15th applications are due.

**AP EXAM PREPARATION**  
Ask your guidance counselor how to prepare and when to take the exam.

### Important!

A month following submission, confirm that all the schools to which you have applied have received:

- your application,
- your transcripts,
- SAT or ACT scores,
- AP scores,
- financial aid information,
- and any additionally required documents.

## February

**BHS BU and NU Scholarship deadlines**  
Please see the BHS Scholarship webpage for more details. You may also search for scholarships in your community and beyond.

## April

**Waitlisted? Inform the admissions officer by email or letter that you are still interested. Ask if there is anything you can do to improve your chances of being accepted.**

## May

**AP EXAMS**  
Advanced Placement Exams take place at the beginning of May. Consult your subject teacher for more information, and visit the AP College Board website to register. (apstudent.collegeboard.org)

**Send initial college deposit (April and May)**  
Most schools ask that students inform them if they plan on attending their college in the Fall. The college will most likely ask the student to fill out a form and send a check with the initial non-refundable deposit.

**Don't forget to study for Finals!**

## June

**Exit Survey**  
In order to receive their cap and gown, students must fill out the Senior Survey on Naviance.

**Graduation!!!**