What is the purpose of this meeting?

Welcome to senior year: It's exciting, and a bit overwhelming! This year will go by very fast! No matter what you plan to do after high school, there are things you need to do this fall to make that happen. Whether you plan to attend 4 year colleges, 2 year colleges, technical schools, apprenticeships, military, or enter the workforce, they all require planning ahead. We are here to help you. Below is a timeline of events to help you stay on track towards your goals and have a successful senior year!

• Communication is Key!
  Listen to Daily Announcements, Read Guidance & Scholarship Newsletters, Join our Google Classroom (avizzcy), Read the Bulletin Boards, follow website, Follow us on Twitter! @DeptBhs

• Don’t Start Slacking Now!
  Challenge yourselves! Work Hard and avoid SENIORITIS!

• Pandemic
  COVID has changed everything! It’s important to note that all dates and events may change this school year, which is beyond anyone’s control. Colleges, employers, and even the military have had to completely re-adjust what they do during this time and their procedures for admissions. Just remember to be patient, flexible, and understanding amidst this chaos. We, the staff at BHS, will do everything in our power to help you have a memorable and productive senior year. It will just look very different! 😊

• NEXT! Indiana Guide for Seniors
  This magazine is a great resource! They are not providing printed copies this year, but we strongly encourage you to read the online version here: http://issues.ibicp.com/magazines/next/2020/

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SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR—THINGS TO DO

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER:

☐ Take or Retake the SAT or ACT, when possible (Thanks, COVID!)
☐ Familiarize yourself with your college/program’s website. What options do you have for campus visits?
☐ SENIOR SURVEYS—Tell us about the wonderful things you’ve accomplished! Include community service & volunteer work....lacking? Add things this fall.
☐ COLLEGE GO WEEK- September 23rd- 27th. Many schools waive application fees this week. Listen to announcements for more information.
☐ APPLY NOW! 2 & 4 Year Colleges, Trade Schools, & Apprenticeships require applications. See websites for details and instructions.
☐ NOVEMBER 1st: Priority deadline for admission and scholarship consideration at most schools. Apply early so you have more time to calculate financial aid, compare and contrast schools, and make your final decision. If you are a 21st Century Scholar, some colleges require an application by this date to get additional awards & funding.
☐ You and Parents/Guardians attend the BHS Financial Aid Meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria to assist with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
☐ Read monthly scholarship bulletins and apply as directed.

JANUARY-MAY:

☐ Continue to read monthly scholarship bulletins and apply as directed. Most of our local scholarships will be advertised during the early spring months.
☐ Don’t stop now! Keep working hard! Go to spring senior meeting (March, Date TBD) for end of year details.
☐ April 15th: DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE FAFSA. NO EXCEPTIONS!
☐ Most schools want to know by MAY 1st if you plan to attend their campus.
☐ SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT: Monday, May 17th 6:00pm BHS Auditorium
☐ All diploma requirements, including online, credit recovery, APEX, and WEC classes, must be completed with a final grade by Thursday, May 20th to walk in graduation- NO EXCEPTIONS!
☐ BHS COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY: Saturday, May 22nd 9:00am - HOORAY!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER?????
START MEMORIZING IT NOW!!!
**HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGES/TRAINING PROGRAMS & SEND TRANSCRIPTS:**

Most schools/programs today strongly recommend that students apply ONLINE.

1) Complete the application online, and submit any required forms to the guidance office, including any fees payable by check and supplemental documentation.

2) Create an account through PARCHMENT - the system we use to upload your transcript electronically for free. See attached instruction sheet. [WWW.PARCHMENT.COM](http://www.parchment.com).

3) Be respectful of our time and give us *at least* one week’s notice before submission deadlines if you need counselor referral forms or other information to be sent.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS**

- **READ THE SCHOLARSHIP BULLETIN.** These will be issued every month beginning in September. They will be distributed in PT and will be posted on the school website, under the guidance tab.

- We advertise all of the scholarships that we are made aware of, however there are millions of scholarships out there. Be sure to ask your friends, family members, churches, civic/community organizations, your employers, & parent/grandparent employers for scholarships they may offer that you may be eligible to apply.

- **Apply for EVERYTHING —You never know, you just might win!**

- When you apply to colleges or programs ask if they also have a separate scholarship application.

- **Ask for letters of recommendation NOW!**
  - Teachers, Counselors, Employers, Group Leaders, Coaches, Church Pastors, etc.
  - Ask at least 2 weeks in advance of the date you are needing the letter.
  - Provide a list of your activities and community/school involvement to assist them—we can make a copy of your senior survey if you wish.

- **21st Century Scholars** — READ all the materials you receive and meet all deadlines. **Remember, you must have a 2.5 GPA and graduate with a CORE 40 Diploma to qualify.**

- Be aware of SCAMS - as a general rule, you should never have to pay to apply for a scholarship. If you are asked for payment, it would be wise to stop and review with your parents or guardians, and/or us to see if it's legitimate.

- If you receive a scholarship, be sure to tell us in the guidance office so we can recognize your accomplishment at the awards program in May.

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**NCAA/ COLLEGE LEVEL ATHLETICS:** If there is a chance you might play a sport in college, you must register with the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) at the end of your Junior year. Registration is on-line at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). There are two extra important steps after that: send your transcript via PARCHMENT to the Clearinghouse and when you take the SAT/ACT include the Eligibility Center as one of your four free choices to receive your scores. The Clearinghouse code is 9999. Scores **must** come directly from SAT/ACT headquarters. If you don’t list the Clearinghouse as a recipient on your original test registration, you can still request scores be sent to the NCAA, but it will cost $10 or more.
OK, I'M NOT SURE IF COLLEGE IS FOR ME...

College is NOT for everyone.
But you still have a lot of options ahead of you!
Here are some things to consider, to get moving in the right direction:

➢ **WORKFORCE**

   Recommendations to help find the best career for you:
   1. Take an interest inventory (http://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip)
   2. Take an aptitude or abilities test (Example: ASVAB @ BHS)
   3. Interview someone in an occupation of interest to you
   4. Attend a Job Fair or Career Day in your school or community
   5. Review career and college plans with your parents & family members
   6. Make a list of networks- (Who do you know that works in a job you are interested in? Can that person help you make the appropriate contacts for employment?)
   7. Request a job shadow day
   8. Discuss your career or college plans with your school counselor
   9. Prepare a resume
   10. Contact companies you are interested in and ask if they require any training prior to employment (special licensing, technical trade classes, apprenticeship programs, etc).
   11. Contact our local WorkOne office for job and training information: 812-424-4473

➢ **MILITARY**

   Questions to ask yourself: (from http://usmilitary.about.com/)
   1. **What are your interests?** Thing about what skills you would like to possess at the end of your term of service.
   2. **What skills do you bring to the table?** Whether it is working with computers, mechanics, or administrative duties, the military can provide you with the best training in a wide variety of areas.
   3. **Are you willing to make the commitment?** Seriously contemplate whether or not you will be happy with the commitment you are going to make. Once you have enlisted, you are under contract with the US government, and getting out is no easy feat.
   4. **Have you been fully informed?** This is extremely important. You must ask all of the right questions before enlisting. Make sure you do the appropriate research and talk with as many people as possible.
   5. **What do you want to do in the future?** Make sure you have the proper skills in military training to be successful in life.

➢ **Technical Trade/Apprenticeship**

   Examples of these job training areas include:
   - Culinary Arts School
   - LPN’s (Licensed Practical Nurse)
   - EMT’s (Emergency Medical Technician)
   - Phlebotomists (Work in Medical Blood Lab)
   - Diesel Mechanics
   - Electrician
   - Cosmetology
   - HVAC (Heating & Air)
   - Plumbers
   - Welders
   - Construction/Laborers
   - Medical Technicians

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**Free test prep and practice materials are available on both the ACT and SAT websites**

### The ACT Test
Register at: www.actstudent.org  
Cost with Writing: $70.00  
No Writing: $55.00

### The SAT Test Dates
Register at: www.sat.org/register  
Cost with Essay: $68.00  
No Essay: $52.00

#### 2020–2021 SAT
Learn more about the SAT at collegeboard.org.

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**NEW!!!**   **School Day SAT Test** (For BHS Seniors, only)  
**When:** Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:40am.  
**Where:** Stadium  
**Details:** The cost is $52.00 (Free/Reduced cost is $8–no waiver available)  
**Deadline to register is September 10<sup>th</sup>.**  
**There is not a virtual option. Students must be present to test.**  
See registration form in the google classroom.

Among the many events cancelled in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic were SAT and ACT exams in the spring of 2020. Many colleges were already moving to becoming test-optional and many more removed testing requirements for applicants through at least 2021. The College Board and the College Entrance Testing Program recently announced that the 2020 SAT and ACT would be postponed for June.  

Check with colleges you plan to apply to for their policies regarding submission of test scores. And think about this: although an SAT or ACT score may be optional, strong scores could help your application, so taking either—or both—exams couldn’t hurt. Remember, too, that if you are a 21st Century Scholar, you must take either the SAT or ACT to claim that life-changing scholarship opportunity.  

Keep an eye on test dates and check the email you used to sign up in case there are changes or cancellations because of COVID. New announcements will keep coming as circumstances change.
Scholar Track

All seniors will need to create a scholar track account.

ScholarTrack is Indiana's one-stop shop for all state financial aid information! With your user account, you can:

- Apply for state financial aid, such as the 21st Century Scholarship and the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship
- Complete your Scholar Success Program activities (both high school and college)
- Check the status of your FAFSA, college credit completion, and more
- See what financial aid you are being offered from the state
- Submit and view appeals
- Access additional college and career success resources.

Mr. Mars will be assisting you with this process, more information to come soon!

So What Next?!?!

After our meeting today, take some time to process this information and start to get yourself organized on what needs to be done. We will be hosting 4 help sessions in the month of September to help you get started and answer any questions you have:

- **Thursday, September 10th**: PT C (10:06-10:46) in the Library.
- **Friday, September 18th**: PT C (10:06-10:46) in the Library.
- **Tuesday, September 22nd**: PT C (10:06-10:46) in the Library.
- **Thursday, September 24th**: PT C (10:06-10:46) in the Library.

If you wish to attend a help session, please sign up in the guidance office at least 2 days in advance of the help session in order to get a pass!
Parchment Account Setup

1. Go to Parchment.com

2. At the Top Select Create Account

3. Under Learners or Parents, select Create Account.

4. Complete the Form, then select Sign up.
5. You will get an email with a verification code. Enter the code here.

6. On the next screen, complete the information. Add the year you started HS and your graduation year. Accept the terms and click continue.

7. Then click the + symbol and search for Boonville High School. Then click add. This will allow us to send your transcripts to school you wish to send them to.

8. From this point on you can log in and order transcripts to be sent to schools you wish to send them to.