BHS Class of 2021 and Families-

This information is for seniors intending to apply to college (2-year, 4-year, vocational). This document contains information about financial aid and the FAFSA, a federal application that students/families should complete and submit. Submission and processing of the FAFSA will determine federal and state options to assist families in paying for college. The FAFSA is available beginning today, October 1, 2020. The following links contain general information we want all families to review regarding financial aid and FAFSA.

<u>Federal Student Aid- Youtube</u>- this Youtube channel will connect you to a variety of videos on topics you may find applicable including those listed below:

FAFSA Form and FSA ID Tips for Parents FAFSA: Determining Your Dependency Status How to Fill Out the FAFSA- documents to gather, FSA ID FAFSA Overview

FAQ's about Financial Aid- from FinAid.

<u>FAFSA worksheet</u>- the use of this document is highly recommended. It allows you to preview all FAFSA questions prior to beginning the electronic form online. It will assist you in determining if you have questions prior to beginning the process and will alert you to information you may need to gather.

** Announcement **

The annual FAFSA Completion Night that BHS hosts during our first term Parent/Teacher conferences will again be available this year in virtual format. The date of our **Virtual FAFSA Completion Night** is Monday, October 12th, from 4:30-7:30 pm. We have been fortunate to secure the participation of four college representatives to assist families in completing their FAFSA; however, this event will be limited by time and available experts.

Families who have specific FAFSA questions that <u>cannot</u> be answered by using the resources linked above can sign up for a 15 minute appointment with a college representative for individualized assistance. Appointments <u>are not</u> for families just beginning the FAFSA and looking for someone to help with each field. Appointments <u>are</u> for asking questions about specific and unique circumstances that make answering FAFSA fields difficult.

Another communication will be sent on Thursday, October 8th at 8:00 am with the link for appointment requests. Appointments can be held via Google Meets (recommended) or phone call. Until then, please take time to review the resources included in this document to determine appointment necessity.