

Seniors

Information and Resources from BHS  
Counselors

[Student Services](#)

# Graduation Requirements

- **English- 4 credits-** Required English 9, English 10 plus 2 choice credits
- **Math- 3 credits-** Required to pass Geometry and Algebra 2
- **Social Studies- 3.5 credits-** Required Am. Gov't, Am. History, World St. and Econ
- **Science- 3 credits-** Required Phys. Science, Gen. Biology and Physics or Chemistry
- **Phy. Ed.- 1.5 credits**
- **Health- .5 credits**
- **The Arts- 1 credit**
- **Choice credits**
- **Total- 30 Credits Required to Graduate**

# Senior Year Class Schedule

- You should have at least 4 CORE CLASSES
- Colleges are very sensitive to senior year course selection and grades.
- Colleges can withdraw your acceptance based on the final transcript you submit.
- If you are entering the military after high school, your options can be limited by poor performance senior year.

# Changing your schedule?

- Colleges make admission decisions based on the courses you submit to them, so...
- It is your responsibility to contact the colleges you have applied to if you are thinking about changing your schedule.
- Changing your schedule can affect admission decisions, scholarships, honors programs, etc.

# Military Careers

Each branch comes 1 time per quarter in the cafeteria during all 4 lunches

## Set up visits

National Guard

Marines

Navy

Army

\*Materials are also found in Counseling Office including Airforce

# Military Academies

Air Force, Army, and Navy: Applications *should* be started in Spring of Junior Year. Application may be started senior year, but must be complete by deadlines – to include all recommendations, testing and nominations if required. See websites for important detail

- US Air Force Academy(CO) ( [www.academyadmissions.com](http://www.academyadmissions.com)

- US Military Academy (West Point, NY)[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

- US Naval Academy (MD)[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

- US Coast Guard Academy (CT)

Early action I October 15

Regular Application January 15

(No nomination process based on academics)

<http://www.uscga.edu>

# ASVAB

- Measures aptitude in 4 areas: Verbal, Math, Science/Technical and Spatial
- ASVAB tests can be scheduled with a recruiter connected to your interested branch of service.

Test Prep Resources:

<http://www.military.com/>

<http://www.asvabtestbank.com/>

# College Fairs

- Local College Fair- Monticello High School
  - > September 19th, 6-8pm
  - > [Register for the fair](#)
- National College Fair- Minneapolis Convention Center
  - > October 2-3
  - > [Register for the fair](#)
- Additional Local College Fairs-
  - > [MN College Fairs](#)



# College Timelines

- Be aware of deadlines! Each college can have a different application deadline
- Admission notification from colleges can vary, approximately 2-4 weeks
- October 1: FAFSA (financial aid app) opens for completion
- November: Early Decision/Action Deadlines
- December/January: Most 4-year college application deadlines
- Spring: 2-year college applications due
- April: Financial aid packages are sent out
- May 1: National Notification Deadline- Decision Day!
- \*\*Watch for housing deadlines for each of your colleges

# College Applications

- \*\*If you are on Free/Reduced Lunch, please inquire with your counselor about application fee waivers.
- Make an appointment with your counselor if you have questions about the application or the application process.

# College Applications

- Apply online- some will waive the application fee for doing so.
- Fill out the application completely.
- Read over your application for errors. Have a parent/teacher proof before submitting.
- Follow the directions for essays and short answer questions if they are required.
- Send official high school transcripts electronically via Parchment.
- Pay your application fee.
- If applying to a stretch school, additional supporting documents may be submitted (i.e. Letters of rec)

# College Applications- MN State

- Star Id- an assigned ID for a student who has taken a college course at **ANY [Mn State College](#)**.
- If applying to any Mn State college and you have earned college credit by completing any CIS courses from any Mn State college:
  - > Login to the application with your existing Star ID
  - > **Do not create a new Star ID if you have one**
  - > [Retrieving Star ID or resetting passwords](#)
  - > [Star ID Tech Help](#)

# Common Application

- A common application to apply to more than 600 colleges in the U.S. and world
- Can save time if applying to multiple colleges that use the common app
- Search schools and deadlines:
  - > <http://www.commonapp.org/>

# How many years of a subject have you completed?

- Two terms of a subject = 1 credit = 1 year  
One term of a subject =  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit =  $\frac{1}{2}$  year
- For example:  
American Lit/Composition (2 Terms) = 1 year of English  
Grammar and Usage (1 Term) = .5 year

# Letters of Recommendation

- If you need a letter of recommendation from a teacher, complete the [Recommendation Request Form](#) or pick one up in the Counseling Office.
- Schools prefer to receive letters from teachers of core subjects: Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and World Language.
- Do not ask more than 2 teachers.
- You should give teachers at least 2 weeks notice!
- Attach a stamped, addressed envelope to your Request for Recommendation form with a clear deadline and specific reason for the letter listed.
- Check back with the teacher prior to the deadline to remind them of the need for it to be sent.

# Counselor Recommendation

- Some colleges require a counselor recommendation and will have their own form
- Download and complete a [Recommendation Request Form](#) or pick one up from Counseling Office
- Allow at least 2 weeks for the recommendation to be completed



# Sending BHS transcripts

- BHS utilizes an electronic transcript service called Parchment
- Create an account at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
- Indicate which schools you want your transcripts sent to and pay the processing fee
- Your transcript should be sent to that college within 48 hours
- If you have free/reduced lunches, please let your counselor know so your fee can be waived

# Sending CIS Transcripts

- Many college applications ask for official transcripts from college coursework you've completed. *If you have not completed your CIS classes, ask your college if you can wait until they are finished. It will save you money!*
- All CIS transcripts need to be sent from the college.
- List of all [CIS Coursework](#) at BHS with partnering colleges

# Sending CIS Transcripts (cont.)

- To order official college transcripts, visit these websites:
  - > [U of M](#)
  - > [SCSU](#)
  - > [SMSU](#)
  - > [NHCC](#)
  - > [HTC](#)
- REMEMBER! All MN State colleges can see all MN State transcripts. If applying to a MN State college, you do not need to send them CIS transcripts from other MN State colleges. You would still need to send from U of M
- Follow up to make sure all credits were reviewed for transfer.

# ACT/SAT Scores for College Applications

- Most 4-year colleges require you to send your ACT and/or SAT score directly from the testing agency.
  - > Part of your ACT or SAT registration includes the option to send your scores to up to 4 colleges
  - > If you did not fill in colleges while completing registration, you must request your scores be sent and pay a processing fee.
- Some colleges will accept test scores from your official high school transcript. Call your college admissions office to make sure.
- Testing agency websites:
  - > [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - > [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

# ACT test calendar 2019-2020

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

- October 26- Registration Deadline: 9/27
- December 14- Registration Deadline: 11/15
- February 8- Registration Deadline 1/10
- April 4- Registration Deadline: 2/28
- June 13- Registration Deadline: 5/8

\*\*If you are on free/reduced lunch, inquire about ACT fee waivers with your counselor\*\*

# Community & Technical College Testing

- After submitting your application you will receive information to sign up for an ACCUPLACER test to be taken on the college campus.
- This test will help place you in the appropriate classes for your level.
- STUDY for the test- If you score low, you will be placed in lower level or remedial classes that will not be covered by financial aid.
- Helpful links for Accuplacer test prep :  
[Collegeboard Accuplacer](http://Collegeboard Accuplacer)  
[www.accuplacer.org](http://www.accuplacer.org)  
[www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org) Login. Under "Profile" there is Test Prep and College Placement Skills practice tests .  
Use your school Id & Password (capitalize first letter)

# October- College Knowledge Month

- ◉ Watch the monitor and your email for a schedule of events.
- ◉ Many sessions including application help, alumni panels, help with writing essays, etc
- ◉ Mini college fairs each Tuesday in the lunchroom!
- ◉ Some colleges offer free applications during October!
  - > [Free Application Opportunities](#)

# College Essays

- Make sure you answer the question and follow the guidelines completely.
- Proof your writing and have someone else proof it as well.
- [Essay Resources](#)- tips and tricks



# Financial Aid

- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is available online beginning October 1, 2019
  - > <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- FAFSA determines your Expected Family Contribution and compares it to the cost of college.
- Complete the FAFSA even if you do not think you will qualify for financial aid.

# FAFSA Completion Workshop at BHS- Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

During Parent/Teacher Conferences

4:30-7:30 p.m.

Computer labs B203 and 204

- Free help completing and submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Items to bring: Social Security #, Drivers License #, 2018 Tax Returns of Student and Parents, Info on Savings/Assets for Student and Parents, Records of Untaxed Income
- Takes 20-30 minutes to complete
- Chance to win a scholarship for attending

# Scholarships

- The most important source for financial aid is the FINANCIAL AID OFFICE at your colleges. Be aware of all the scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study opportunities available.
- Counseling office will send out a scholarship newsletter to your email and post on the website each month.
- Watch the monitor for scholarships available in the counseling office throughout the year.
- BHS Local Scholarship Application will be available in April.
- Check parent/guardian employers for available scholarships for families.

# Financial Aid & Scholarship Resources

- [MN Career Information Systems \(MCIS\)](#)

Username: bhsstudent Password: bison OR Personal Acct. Login  
"Financial Aid Sort"

- [Cappex](#)

- [Fastweb](#)

- [FAFSA](#)

- [FinAid](#)

- [Big Future- Collegeboard Scholarships](#)

- [Raise Me- Micro-Scholarships](#)

# Spring Reminders

- Mail in deposit to one college by May 1 to confirm attendance. Sign and return financial award letter if you received one.
- Send final transcript to the college you choose to attend  
[www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
- Research the process and complete the transferring of college credits through CIS or PSEO coursework.
- Complete AP exams  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Fill out housing forms.
- Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration offered by your college...these are invaluable to you!
- Send thank you letters for any scholarships you received

# Advisory Visit Schedule

Sept 16 & 20 - Johnson

Sept 23 & Sept 27- Ortman

Sept 30 & Oct.4- Peterson

Oct. 7 & 11- Urdahl