

Rising Senior Parent Workshop

January 15, 2019

School Counselor: Ms. Besley
*Serving Juniors & Seniors, last names A-G

School Counselor: Ms. Moseley
*Serving Juniors & Seniors, last names H-O

School Counselor: Ms. Sterling
*Serving Juniors & Seniors, last names P-Z

Graduation Timeline Junior Year

Registration

- In March through pre-scheduled appointments during English classes.
- Come to your appointment prepared (read BTHS emails, check website for course descriptions and flow charts, research college information).
- Athletes register with NCAA Eligibility Center at <http://www.ncaa.org>

Parchment & Ordering Transcripts

- All transcripts are loaded in Parchment EACH SEMESTER.
- Request a free PDF of the transcript to review through Parchment at <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/9276/account>; check for errors and needed credits.
- Transcripts show the cumulated weighted and unweighted GPA, class rank, letter grades and service hrs.

Grade Forgiveness

- Students can retake classes in which they earned a D or F.
- All grades appear on the transcript. Forgiven grades will still show, but will not be included in GPA calculation.
- Juniors should complete grade forgiveness NOW, before the beginning of their senior year.
- Options for grade recovery: St. Johns Virtual School and Florida Virtual school (flvs.net) and/or the APEX lab at school during a class period.

State Assessment Requirements - Students must pass the following statewide assessments:

- Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) or a concordant score (through SAT or ACT).
- Algebra 1 end-of-course (EOC) or a concordant score (through SAT or ACT).

SAT and ACT

- Students register online (sat.org and act.org).
- Registration deadlines are usually a month before the test date.

Community Service Hours

- Must be a NON-PROFIT organization. See Guidance page for more details.
- Documented on letterhead with the number of hours worked, description, contact signature, parent and student signature.
- Submit to Mrs. Richards in the Guidance office.

Summer 2019

- Complete online courses.
- Visit college campuses.
- Work on community service hours.
- Submit all schedule change requests before school begins. After 21 days, withdrawing from any course is posted on the transcript as a WP or a WF.

Senior Year - Semester One

- Discuss credit check with counselor.
- Complete testing requirements.
- Complete online courses.
- Request transcript to check for accuracy.
- Apply to universities and colleges.
- Apply for financial aid.

Financial Aid

- Federal Aid – FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); www.fafsa.gov; opens October 1st
- State Florida Aid – Bright Futures; www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org; opens October 1st
- Institutional Aid – Apply via the college/university you will attend.
- Private Aid – free money from organizations interested in helping students; scholarship opportunities are on the Guidance page of the BTHS website, check your (or your parent's) place of employment; corporations, local businesses, special interest groups, national, state and local organizations, fastweb.com, finaid.org, collegenet.com, bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Bright Futures

- You must APPLY for Bright Futures by submitting the Florida Financial Aid Application.
- Read over the Bright Futures Student Handbook.
- Know the requirements for the Florida Academic Scholar and the Florida Medallion Scholar.
- Bright Futures GPA is NOT the same as the transcript GPA. Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment classes are weighed equally with 0.5 per credit (not 1.0 for AP or DE). Two academic electives will be accepted toward the GPA if it benefits the student.

Senior Year - Semester Two

- Check transcript for accuracy.
- Complete any missing graduation requirements.
- Check your Bright Futures Eligibility; update with accurate institution information.
- Apply to state colleges.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Through Parchment, request a final transcript be sent to your post-secondary institution.