

Notice to Seniors

From the Guidance Department

IMPORTANT-Please read this notice carefully. The senior year is the time to finalize your future plans. Your guidance counselor will assist you in many ways in developing these goals and objectives. However, it is a shared responsibility between you, your parents and your counselor. Be prepared to do your part, take the initiative!!! Listed below is an outline of tasks that lie before you.

- Courses – Seniors must maintain 30 credits; be aware NO second semester courses can be dropped
- Decision making – Last year we gave you a bulletin to assist you in this process. Now is the time to set you immediate goals. What do you want to do? Why? What training is required? Where can I get it? How much will it cost? Planning makes the difference.
- Making applications – For school, work, or military training this will be required. It is your responsibility to obtain applications and meet admissions requirements such as forms, fees, tests and recommendations, transcripts and deadlines. We will help all we can but when we make an appointment with you, your compliance is essential.
- If you are looking into joining the military or applying for a job, talk to your counselor about resume writing and job search techniques.

Important Tasks To Be Considered

- Sept. Register for tests. SAT and ACT Achievements- use www.collegeboard.com / www.act.org or www.bridge-rayn.org (click on guidance for more information). Check Registration Deadlines throughout the year.
Check announcements, website, and the guidance library for scholarships. Also check online.
- Oct. Write for College Applications – use written applications or Common Application if possible (Are you considering early decision or early action?) Talk to your counselor, review your transcript and test scores.

Keep your appointment. Ask teachers for recommendations.
(Prepare your Activity Profile and give to your counselors and teachers)
- Nov/Dec. Begin first drafts of any essays required.
Reduce your preliminary lists of colleges.
Take the SAT Reasoning & SAT Subject Test, consider the ACT.
- Dec/feb. Fill out applications (completely) and review forms with your counselor (watch deadlines). Give us time to process applications. Follow the established rules using the B-R transcript form to request your transcript and counselor's recommendation to be sent to your college (15 school days prior to deadline.
- Testing Make sure colleges you are applying to receive your test scores. Use the SAT / ACT Registration Form or Additional Report Form.
- Jan-Feb Make sure your parents complete a FAFSA and/or CSS/Profile form. (There will be a workshop for this purpose; TBA, at Stonehill College).
Important: The FAFSA is required for Citizen's Scholarship applications.
(You must volunteer for two Citizens events and apply for the Citizens' Scholarship to be eligible.)
- Spring Inform your counselor when a decision has been received by you or whenever you finalize your plans for school or work.

As soon as possible but before you accept, visit the college of your choice.

*MEFA Financial Aid Night @ BRRHS, TBA.

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