

Senior Reminders and Checklist

❑ College Visits:

- ❑ Seniors are allowed 4 excused college visits.
- ❑ Visit a variety of schools (even if you think you have your mind made up)...you don't know what you don't know!!!

❑ Apply to 3-5 Schools:

- ❑ **1-2 Reach Schools**-A school where your academic credentials fall below the school's range for average Freshman. These are long shots but should still be possible. (Example: If you have a 2.0 GPA, Harvard is not a reach school--you must be realistic!)
- ❑ **1-2 Match Schools**- A school where your academic credentials fall well within (or even exceed) the school's range for the average freshman. There are no guarantees, but it's not unreasonable to be accepted to several of your match schools.
- ❑ **1-2 Safety Schools**-A school where your academic credentials fall above the school's range for the average freshman. You can be reasonably certain that you will be admitted to your safety schools.
- ❑ If using the Common App or Coalition please list Mrs. McNeal as your counselor or recommender (tmcneal@bcsk12.org)

❑ Research, Research, Research: Schools, Admissions, and Scholarship Priority Deadlines

- ❑ Many schools have deadlines of November 1st, December 1st, or December 15th for early admissions and Scholarship Priority Dates-***Some may be sooner!!!***
- ❑ Check your Family Connection (Naviance) account for all local scholarships.
- ❑ Check specific college websites for specific school/departmental scholarship information.
- ❑ Check with organizations or corporations associated with your family for applicable scholarships.
- ❑ Create a separate email account to use for scholarship purposes only.
- ❑ Register and create a profile on FASTWEB (www.fastweb.com)-use your scholarship email address.
- ❑ Check the bulletin board information posted outside the School Counseling Office for additional information on Scholarships, Preview Days, and College Activities.

❑ Request Transcripts and Recommendation Letters from the Counseling office:

- ❑ Submit transcript requests through Family Connection (Naviance)
 - ❑ Please allow **1 school week** for transcripts to be processed
- ❑ Submit/Update Resume, Senior Accomplishment Sheet, and Parent Recommendation Form via Family Connection (Naviance)
 - ❑ Please allow counselors **3 school weeks** before the mailing deadline for processing of letters.
 - ❑ Please allow teachers **3 school weeks** notice for recommendation letters.

❑ Athletes Looking to Playing Collegiate Sports:

- ❑ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ❑ Original test score reports must be ordered from ACT/SAT and sent directly to NCAA
- ❑ Fill out a Core GPA worksheet with Coach Peterson and then follow up with Mrs. McNeal

❑ Questions, Questions, and More Questions....

- ❑ Go talk to your counselor-Mrs. McNeal is available all school days from 7:30-4 or at tmcneal@bcsk12.org

SENIOR CALENDAR 2017-2018

September 8	Coffee with the Counselor 8am-10am (Parents only-drop in)
September 9	ACT Test Date
September 19-21	Spiritual Impact Week
September 22	Last day to register for the October ACT Test
October 6	Homecoming
October 7	Homecoming Dance (8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)
October 11	Testing Day - NO SCHOOL FOR SENIORS - College Visitation Day (This day does NOT count as one of your 4 college days.)
October 13	Teacher In-Service - No School
October 26	Christian College Fair (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
October 28	ACT Test Date
November 3	Last day to register for the December ACT Test
November 10	Veteran's Day - No School
November 20 - 24	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 8, 11 - 15	First Semester Exams
December 9	ACT Test Date
December 9	Christmas Dance
December 15 - January 2	Christmas Holidays
January 12	Last day to register for the February ACT Test
January 15	MLK Day - No School
February 10	ACT Test Date
February 16	Teacher In-Service - No School
February 19	President's Day - No School
February 24	Spring Fling
March 16	Coffee with the Counselor 8am-10am (Parents only-drop in)
March 26 - 30	Spring Break
April 12	Briarpatch Day and Junior/Senior Social
April 13	Teacher In-Service - No School
April 24	College/Career Day
April 25	Senior Breakfast
May 1 - 11	<u>AP Exams</u> May 7 - Chemistry May 8 - Spanish Language & Culture and Physics 1 May 9- English Literature & Composition May 11 - US History May 14 - Biology and Physics C May 15- Calculus AB May 16- English Language and Composition May 17- Statistics
May (TBD)	Practice for Honors Day and Graduation at the church
May 15 - 17	<u>Senior Exams</u>
May 18	Honors Day (Seniors at 12 p.m.)
May 20	Baccalaureate (8 a.m. at Briarwood Presbyterian Church) Graduation (3 p.m. at Briarwood Presbyterian Church)