



Information from Counseling Department – December 2021

For Parents of All High School Students:

Second Semester Schedule Changes

It is time to make sure semester two courses are correct. Students and parents should look at second semester courses in Powerschool. All changes for semester two courses must be made by Friday, December 17, so students should email their counselor before 12/17 if they need to make any changes.

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NOTE: Schedule changes **cannot** be made for hour of the day or teacher preference.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

The fall and early winter are good times to start thinking about enrichment opportunities for next summer. The BSM website has an extensive list of programs that colleges offer for high schools students. (Note that some of these may not be taking place in Summer 2022 due to Covid 19). Some programs, such as ones sponsored by Duke University and the University of Notre Dame, have started accepting applications or will start on December 1st. Please see the [Summer Opportunities](#) page of the BSM website for a complete list.

2021-2022 ACT Test Dates

www.my.act.org

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022
April 2, 2022 – BSM is a test center	February 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022

2021-2022 SAT Test Dates

<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

National Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
March 12, 2022 - BSM is a test center	February 11, 2022
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022
June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022

For Parents of Seniors:

Parents of seniors – Apply free to colleges

Every day of the year, students from families with low incomes can apply to most colleges at no charge using a fee waiver. **See your counselor if this applies to you.**

Parents of Seniors - FAFSA and other Financial Aid Forms: The 2022-2023 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must complete the FAFSA online if you are applying for federal financial aid. It is recommended that every family fill out the FAFSA for a few reasons. First, all students are eligible for low-interest loans. Second, families have different financial situations from one year to the next, including sometimes having more than one student in college. Finally, some colleges look at whether a student has a FAFSA on file when they are considering students for scholarships. There are three categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study, and loans. Colleges typically have December through March priority deadlines for the FAFSA, so get your FAFSA completed and submitted as soon as possible.

Scholarships from colleges: Look on each of your colleges' websites for scholarships. You can find this information in the admissions section of a college's website. Many colleges use the application for admission to award scholarships, but some colleges require that you fill out an additional scholarship application for some or all of their scholarships. Typically, college scholarship applications are due between November and February.

Local and National Scholarships (Not from a college): To locate scholarship information in Naviance, from the home page, click on the "Colleges" tab, and scroll down to the bottom of the page. The "scholarship list" and "National Scholarship Search" are located here. Other helpful sites are bigfuture.collegeboard.org, fastweb.com, scholarships.com. Scholarship searches should be FREE. You should not pay for this service or to apply for a scholarship.