Seniors

Seniors who are planning to attend college should be preparing applications, getting registered on the Common App website, linking it to their Naviance account, requesting transcripts through Naviance, and requesting recommendation letters both in person and through their Naviance account. Please remember to give at least two weeks notice for all recommendations.

Counselors will be finishing up meeting individually with all seniors to review graduation requirements, credits, and plans for after graduation. Be sure to make an additional appointment with your counselor if you still need help with the Common App or Naviance!

Please turn in your “About Me” forms to Mrs. Lowry as soon as possible!

If you are planning to take the SAT’s on November 2nd, the registration deadline is October 6th and the late registration deadline with a fee is October 22nd. This will be the last SAT given at BHS until the spring.

Juniors

On Wednesday October 16th all juniors will be taking the PSAT in school.

Students will receive PSAT scores online December 9th. The guidance office will hold a workshop for all juniors after scores are available reviewing how to read and understand PSAT scores and how they relate to the SAT.

It’s never too early to start thinking about plans for after high school!

Here are a few websites that may be helpful in addition to your Naviance account:

- **CollegeData**
  - www.collegedata.com

- **NHHEAF**
  - www.nhheaf.com

We hosted a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday October 2nd in the library. If you missed it, it is available online at: https://www.nhheaf.org/pdfs/handouts/Financial_Aid_Night.pdf

This presentation helps families navigate through the financial aid process and will cover ways to apply for aid (FAFSA and CSS Profile forms), what type of aid is available, scholarship searches and the importance of deadlines. Attendees will receive a Financial Aid Organizer. Families will be able to access the FAFSA starting October 1st.

Juniors & Seniors

Don’t forget to check out our list of **college and military representative visits** here at BHS! You will need to sign up through Naviance for any visits you wish to attend. All of these visits will appear on your Naviance account as upcoming events and also under the college tab.

Upcoming visits in October include: Paul Smith College, Husson University, UNE, UMaine-Forth Kent, WMCC UMaine-Farmington, Lakes Region CC, Empire Beauty School, USM, Thomas College, Castleton University, UMaine-Orono, Northern VT University, Marines & ROTC, Air Force

Your school counselors also have a variety of resources right in the guidance office! There are many brochures from a variety of colleges, the College Board’s Book of Majors and College Handbook, the Occupational Outlook Handbook, College Admissions Data Sourcebook, etc. Don’t be afraid to utilize your school counselor in your planning process!
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Freshmen

Counselors will present High School 101, including an introduction to the new Naviance program, to freshmen Flex classes during October. From learning what the role of a high school counselor is to where to find BHS graduation requirements to learning what role a transcript plays, the counselors will share some of the major differences that exist between the junior high and the high school.

Counselors will also begin meeting individually with freshmen towards the end of this month. “Freshmen interviews” as we call them allow us to get to know each of the ninth graders and see how they are feeling about the transition to high school. We ask a wide range of questions to each student and reinforce the important role we, as their school counselor, plays in their academic, personal/social, and career development throughout their high school career.