

SENIOR YEAR: 2021-22 BY MONTH

BEDFORD NORTH LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST

- Senior interviews with counselor will begin this month and run through September.
- Register for the SAT/ACT October test date for any senior still attempting to improve scores.
- Start a folder of college material received.

SEPTEMBER

- Regular deadline for the October SAT is September 3rd. Deadline for October ACT is September 17.
- Meet with college/military reps as they are in the building.
- Begin to sort through college literature, develop a plan for college visits in upcoming weeks.
- Begin making college campus visits (allowed 2 excused college day absences your senior year).
- Listen to morning announcements for scholarship information. Visit Available Scholarships on the counseling page of the BNL website, and check it regularly.
- Use free online practice tests and tutorials for the SAT and ACT.
- Create personal summary of extra-curricular activities, awards, and community involvement for college applications and scholarships.
- Complete senior questionnaire, and have parents complete the parent questionnaire. This will be used when writing recommendations. This is available in your Senior Google Classroom.
- Ask a teacher who knows you well for a letter of reference if needed.
- Order cap and gown for graduation.

OCTOBER

- Take or retake the SAT on October 2, if necessary, to get or improve scores. ACT is offered in Bloomington October 23.
- Regular deadline for the November SAT is October 8th.
- FAFSA may be submitted beginning Oct 1.
- Continue to meet with college reps as they are in the building.
- Wrap up college visits.
- Send in college applications! Apply to your top 3-5 colleges. This should be done by late October as some schools have a November 1st deadline.
- Search for scholarships on your own. Fastweb.com is an excellent resource for national scholarships online.
- Continue to check the scholarship list on the BNL counseling website for updates.

NOVEMBER

- Regular deadline for December SAT at BNL is November 4th.
- If a student has any thoughts of attending college, admissions applications need to be submitted to the college/university no later than Thanksgiving!

- Continue to check the scholarship list on our website for updates and upcoming deadlines.

DECEMBER

- Students will begin to hear from colleges regarding acceptance.
- SAT at BNL December 4th.

JANUARY

- At this point, students should have acceptance or denial letters from colleges. Narrow your decision to the top few schools. The focus of this trimester is securing finances for college.
- Apply for North Lawrence Foundation Scholarships. There are many local and private scholarships for North Lawrence students. Application deadline will be mid-January. You must be accepted to a college in order to apply.
- Start a scholarship folder; include at least two letters of recommendation and extra wallet-size senior pictures.

FEBRUARY

- Inquire about housing applications and financial aid applications at the schools you are considering. Some schools do this as part of the admissions application. Return these to the universities in early February (can also be done late January).
- If you haven't yet done so, file your FAFSA. Many school deadlines are in February or March, although some are even earlier. Check with your school!
- Attend College Goal Sunday if you haven't filed your FAFSA. Exact date to be announced.

MARCH

- Continue to monitor scholarship opportunities in counseling, as well as on the internet.
- Pay attention to scholarship deadlines, as many are in March.
- If planning to work, put together a resume of skills, awards, community involvement, etc. Talk with your counselor about applying and interviewing for jobs.

APRIL

- DEADLINE! LAST DAY FOR COMPLETED FAFSA IS April 15th!! (this takes several days to complete, so DO NOT WAIT until the last day to begin!)
- Scholarship search winds down.
- North Lawrence Scholarship Awards Night. Anyone receiving a scholarship will be required to attend.

MAY

- Make a final decision about which college you will attend! Contact other schools you were considering to decline admission. Send a deposit if required (and you haven't already done so), get information on freshman orientation, and registration for classes.
- Parents will receive SAR report for the federal government regarding financial aid.
- Colleges/Universities will also send a Financial Aid Notification report.

JUNE

- Graduation!