

# **SENIOR PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

**BHS – 09/06/2023 – 7:00 PM**



# Agenda

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- Post-Secondary Options
- Choosing a College
- Applying to College
- Admissions Tests
- Scholarships and other Financial Aid



# Post-Secondary Options

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- College/University (4 year or 2 year)
  - College Admissions Difficulty
- Technical School
- Military
- Employment

Selecting a post-secondary plan is a match to be made, not a trophy to be won.



# Choosing A College

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- Entrance Requirements
- Place
  - Distance, size, setting
- Programs
  - Programs of study (majors), class size, access to faculty, access to career services
- People
  - Personality, diversity, religion, activities, and organizations
- Price
  - Sticker price vs. actual cost of attendance for you



# ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

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- Research specific GPA & ACT requirements for college entrance BEFORE you apply.
- For example – University of Missouri Academic Requirements are...
  - High School Coursework –
    - English: 4 units
    - Math: 4 units - Algebra 1 or higher
    - Science: 3 units, Physical Science or higher
    - Social Studies: 3 units
    - Foreign Language: 2 units
    - Fine Arts: 1 unit



# Admissions Requirements

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ACT	SAT	Core GPA
24+	1160+	2.0+
23	1130–1150	2.80
22	1100–1120	2.90
21	1060–1090	3.05
20	1030–1050	3.20
19	990–1020	3.35
18	960–980	3.50
17	920–950	3.65



# ADMISSIONS PROCESS

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- Apply in Fall
- Know all deadlines now - put them on a calendar
- Some school have admissions deadlines AND scholarship deadlines
- Fill out Transcript Request document to have transcripts sent by BHS Counseling Office
- Do I need to write an essays or have a letter of recommendation?
- Thinking Military: talk to Mrs. Soder or Mrs. Smith about contacting a recruiter



# PIZZA PIE & APPLY

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- Wednesday, October 11 during 5<sup>th</sup> hour
- Seniors will have the opportunity to have counselor assistance with college apps.
- Students need to know:
  - SSN
  - Payment Information
  - If eligible for a waiver





# WHAT IF I DON'T GET IN?

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- Go back over requirements to make sure you meet all of them
- Talk to admissions representative about why you were not granted admissions
- Look into an Appeals Process
- Possibly try raising ACT score
- What is my backup plan?



# ACT TEST

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- ACT score required for admissions in most 4-year colleges or universities – Could be test optional – Double check requirements on website.
  - <https://admissions.missouri.edu/apply/freshmen/admission-requirements/#scores>
- Scores required for some scholarships
- ACT given October, December, February, April & June
- Cost of test without writing portion - \$68.00 With writing portion - \$93.00.
- Apply online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Fee waiver available if you qualify for free/reduced lunch



# ACT PREP

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- Check BHS website for ACT study links
- ACT Prep Workshops offered October 13<sup>th</sup> during the school day and March 22<sup>nd</sup> during the day
- ACT practice booklets in the Counseling Office
- ACT Test Prep book at Barnes & Noble or Amazon



# ACT SUBSCORES

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- ACT sub-scores used for placement in core math & English classes in college
  - For Example—to take College Algebra at Truman you must have an ACT math subscore of 22 or above
- If ACT sub scores are not high enough students will be placed in “lower” level classes (sometimes don’t earn credit)



# ACCUPLACER TEST

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- The ACT is not required for admission into a 2-year college or technical school - Students should take the Accuplacer test instead
- Scores are used to determine placement in math and English
- Student can make an appointment with SFCC or intended school to take the test



# ASVAB TEST

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- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam will be given at BHS on November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Each military has a different minimum score- check with recruiter to find out score needed
- Prep websites available on website & Senior Pirate Booklet
- Sign-up in Counselor's office beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>.



# COLLEGE VISITS

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- Meet with admissions counselor
- Verify admissions requirements are met
- Determine college costs
- Scholarships/Financial Aid
- Meet with academic program
- Attend a class/talk with faculty
- Ask about deadlines
- Tour campus/dorms etc.
- Meet coaches, etc.



# COLLEGE VISITS

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- All Seniors are given 2 visit days that are exempt from their 9 days of absences
- They must fill out the College Visit Form in the counseling office and follow procedure outlined on form before their visit
- They have to have parent permission





# ATHLETICS IN COLLEGE

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- Contact your high school coach now if you want to play college sports –scholarship money is limited
- You will need to reach out to collegiate coaches by email or through your high school coach to send film footage or any other correspondence
- Once you have committed you will need to notify your high school coach and athletic director for a signing day



# NCAA/NAIA ELIGIBILITY

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- Athletes wanting to play Division I, II or III sports must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.ncaastudent.org](http://www.ncaastudent.org)
- Athletes playing NAIA sports must register at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- Seniors must request for an official transcript to be sent to NCAA or NAIA at the end of the year



# Financial Aid

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- Need based financial aid (federal, state, and institutional)
  - Determined by the result of your FAFSA
- Merit scholarships (state and institutional)
  - Determined by your ACT Score and/or GPA
  - Some automatic, but others require application
- Private scholarships
  - Determined by the application



# SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Local Scholarships - given by our local community
  - A booklet will be given to all seniors in December with a due date of February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Institutional Scholarships
  - These will be listed on the college's website
- State/National Scholarships – we will list these periodically on the Senior Google Classroom
- Scholarship Search
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)



# COLLEGE OR INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Scholarship awards may be given by the college you are attending through...
  - Merit Based/Automatic—Usually based on combination of ACT score and GPA
  - Departmental - Agriculture, Art, etc.
  - Athletic
  - Performance - Music, theatre, etc.
  - Need Based
- Make sure to search college website for a complete list of scholarships. Pay careful attention to deadlines and procedures for applying.



# GPA/ACT = SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

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- Most colleges award academic scholarships based on your GPA & ACT scores
  - For example - Missouri State University
    - 3.9 Cumulative GPA & 27 ACT = \$3,000
    - 3.9 Cumulative GPA & 28 ACT = \$5,500
    - Difference in 1 ACT point = \$2,500



# A+ PROGRAM

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- Pays all tuition and fees at a community college or tech school in Missouri
- Not TOO LATE to sign up
- 2.5 GPA, 95% attendance, 50 tutoring hours, & a qualifying math score
- See Mrs. Soder to sign up



# FINANCIAL AID

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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- <https://studentaid.gov/>
- This application is for all state and government grants and loans.
- This must be completed if you plan to use A+ money
- \*\*Not available until December
- \*\*FAFSA deadline for Missouri is Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.





# FAFSA FRENZY

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- BHS will host a FAFSA Frenzy in either December or January.
- We will have a few Financial Aid Representatives here to assist you with completion of the FAFSA.
- Once our date is determined we will let everyone know.



# WHAT'S NEXT?

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- Apply for scholarships
- Financial Aid (Fill out the FAFSA)
- Housing Contracts/Deposits
- Dorm/Roommate Selection
- Registering for classes (spring/summer)
- Orientation (summer)



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