

THINGS TO EXPECT DURING YOUR CHILD'S SENIOR YEAR

Class of 2017

August

- **MARK EVENT – Friday, August 12th – BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE**
- **Register to take the September ACT –Deadline to register is August 5th.**
- **Senior Meeting- August 12th**
- **Senior Parent Meeting – August 23rd at 7p.m. in the Auditorium**
- I will meet with all English IV classes to review transcripts and discuss the college application process.
- Continue researching colleges and scholarship opportunities. (Decide if you want to apply “early decision/early action” to any colleges. This means that your application deadline is earlier than normal, but you would also find out earlier than normal if you are accepted. Read the fine print).
- Visit Colleges (seniors are allowed two days to visit schools. You must bring in a letter to students services within two days showing you were there on an official visit).
- August 30th- SHS open house
- Athletes who plan to pursue athletics need to register with NCAA clearinghouse www.eligibilitycenter.net (see me for a waiver if you qualify for free and reduced lunch) ACT/SAT code- 9999
- Check Mrs. Francis' MOODLE page for scholarship opportunities and College Events/Deadlines

September

- **Register for the October ACT – regular deadline is September 1st. See me for a waiver if you receive free and reduced lunch**
- **Mark Event- Words with Tigers- Monday, September 12th**
- Meet with Mrs. Francis to review your college plans.
- Create a calendar that shows deadlines for admission applications for all of the colleges you are interested in; most colleges have different deadlines.
- Secure teachers for your recommendation letters (if necessary for college applications/scholarships). Please give teachers 2 weeks advance notice.
- **BE AWARE of Early Decision and Early Action Deadlines (Some are October 1st or 15th) Mark your calendars!**

October

- October 3rd- 1st Senior Trip Payment -\$250
- October 4th- Senior Portraits
- **Mark Event-Homecoming Week October 10th-15th**
- October 20th- Report Cards
- **October 21st- Senior dues must be paid in order to attend senior picnic- cost is \$60**
- October 27th Senior Picnic 11-2
- **Mark Event-Fall Play- ELF October 27th-29th**
- **NEW- FAFSA** is now available October 1st. Families will report “prior-prior” year tax information. CHECK FAFSA deadlines for your colleges, Financial Aid deadlines for colleges vary which will be different from TOPS deadlines
- Register for your Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN) at www.fafsa.gov. You and your parent will need a PIN in order to complete the FAFSA. **WRITE IT DOWN SOMEWHERE!**
- **Register for the December 3rd SAT or December 10th ACT- See Mrs. Francis for a Waiver if you qualify**
- Continue researching and applying for scholarships- check Mrs. Francis' bulletins and MOODLE page.
- Meet with any College Representatives that visit SHS

November

- **Scholarship application deadlines this month: Common Application, Louisiana State University, and Tulane University**
- **November 16th-2nd Senior Trip Payment - \$200 and Senior Supply Orders**
- **November 9th- FAFSA completion night in the Library @7p.m.**
- **Mark Events- Film Club Food Drive 7th-11th and Almost Anything Goes- Friday, November 18th**
- If you plan to take the December 10 ACT, you must register by November 4th.
- Make final decisions about which colleges you are going to apply to. **APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE** and make sure you meet the admissions requirements.

December

- **Scholarship application deadlines this month: Loyola University New Orleans, McNeese University, Northwestern State University, and University of Louisiana at Monroe**
- **December 14th-19th Semester Exams**
- Plan to finish applying to colleges by Winter Break
- Register for the January SAT
- You should be notified of Early Decision/ Early Action applications this month (Remember to tell Mrs. Francis)

January

- **Mark Event- Trivia- Monday, January 23rd**
- **January 12th- 2nd nine weeks semester report cards sent home**
- **January 31st- Final Senior Payment - \$200**
- If you plan to take the February 11th ACT, you must register by January 13. See Mrs. Francis for a fee waiver if you qualify.
- Register for the March 11th SAT
- Some colleges require mid-year reports- so inform Mrs. Francis if a 7th semester transcript needs to be sent
- Continue researching and applying for scholarships.
- Take a look at your grades from the first semester. Start 2nd semester strong! Colleges will be looking at your entire senior year.

February

- **Mark Event- Saga Ball- Saturday, February 4th and Battle Ball- Friday, February 24th**
- Continue researching and applying for scholarships.
- Continue to send Mrs. Francis copies of admission letters or scholarship offers.
- Submit your FAFSA if you haven't done that already.
- Register for March 11th SAT
- **It is your responsibility to check application status with colleges –verify they have received all documents**

March

- Continue researching and applying for scholarships.
- **Senior Play- March 23rd-25th**
- **Register by the March 3rd deadline for the April 8th ACT- This will be the last ACT you can take to be eligible for 8 semesters of TOPS**

April

- **April 8th- Prom**
- **Mark Event- Volleyball Thursday, April 13th**
- **April 12th- Senior Trip Parent Meeting 7pm**
- **April 19-23- Senior Trip**
- Your college admission acceptance letters should start arriving soon! Check for acceptance deadlines and respond on time
- If you will not receive enough financial aid to pay for your college of choice, decide how you are going to get the money to pay for the part that financial aid will not cover.
- Your FAFSA should have already been submitted, but if you have been procrastinating GET IT DONE!
- Send Mrs. Francis all copies of scholarship offers and letters of acceptance. **I cannot recognize you at Awards night unless you let me know if you received a scholarship offer from the school you will attend.**
- **Athletes should make sure they are registered with the NCAA clearinghouse and complete the final student questionnaire.**
- **Make sure all financial aid forms are received by the colleges of your choice.**

May

- **May 1st Deadline for Colleges- make sure you have paid deposits to secure your space**
- **May 2nd by Invitation only-Awards Night in the Auditorium at 7p.m. You will be required to attend practice-TBA.**
- **May 3rd- Graduation Practice in the Gym at 9:30p.m.**
- **May 4th- Graduation Practice SELU at 12p.m.**
- **May 5th – All Senior obligations must be cleared by this date**
- **May 8th- Graduation – SELU- 7p.m.**
- **Complete the final transcript request form in the front office if you are going out of state.**
- If you plan to take the June 10 ACT, you must register by May 5. This is the last chance to take the ACT during this academic year!

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