Bremen High School Senior Checklist

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

* Review career plans and make sure your college choices offer that degree. Good resource is www.collegeboard.com
* Continue attending and signing up for official campus tours offered by your college choice.
* Plan on taking/retaking the SAT/ACT to raise your score. Check test dates and deadlines.
* Search for scholarships on sites like [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) or [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
* Meet with your counselor if you are still unsure about where you want to apply or what you want to study.
* Begin asking teachers, counselors, employers, pastors, coaches, or administrators for letters of recommendation. Give them a copy of your academic resume.
* Take advantage of free college applications during "College GO! Week"

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* Request your transcript be sent to the colleges you have applied to, using Parchment.
* Continue to meet with your counselor to answer questions and go over your transcript to make sure you meet all graduation requirements.

**OCTOBER**

* File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after Oct. 1 as possible. In addition to determining your eligibility for federal funds, many colleges and states use the form when distributing grants, so don’t delay. Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR)—it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed. [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
* Continue working on college applications, pay attention to deadlines.
* Finalize your college essay. Many schools will require that you submit at least one essay with your application.
* Continue searching for scholarships online.
* Collect those recommendation letters.
* Continue meeting with counselor if you have questions.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

* Attend Financial Aid Night at BHS on ???
* Continue applying for scholarships.
* Finish all college applications and be mindful of deadlines. Have a parent, teacher, counselor, or other adult review the application before it is submitted.
* Take the SAT/ACT if you registered and Make sure testing companies have sent your scores directly to the colleges to which you are applying.
* Every college will require a copy of your transcript from your high school. Use Parchment.
* If needed, register for the January SAT. It is the last one colleges will be able to consider for a senior.
* Parents save your end of the year payroll stub if it shows the earnings for the year. Some schools my use it as a review for financial aid eligibility.

**JANUARY through APRIL**

* Complete the FAFSA application for financial aid before April 15. Submit online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
* Complete your Dollars for Scholars profile and start applying for local scholarships.
* Attend a College Goal Sunday event in February if you need additional help with the FAFSA. Visit [www.collegoal.org](http://www.collegoal.org) for a list of locations.
* If you submitted the FAFSA, you will receive information about how to access your SAR (Student Aid Report) via email within 5-7 days, or receive a paper version in 3-4 weeks. You can also check the status of the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-433-3243.
* Make your final college decision by the deadline of May 1st.
* Notify other schools that you will not be attending.
* Watch for important deadlines at your college for housing, financial aid, etc.

**MAY**

* May 1 is the deadline for acceptance or rejection of admission to the college you chose.
* If you are waitlisted, contact the college. Ask them how to strengthen your application.
* Take AP exams if you are enrolled in AP classes.
* REQUEST THAT THE COUNSELING OFFICE SEND YOUR FINAL TRANSCRIPTS TO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE.

**ONGOING/SENIOR EVENTS**

* Email, call, or set up a meeting with your counselor to answer any questions or address any concerns you have. We are here for you!

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* Clean up your cyber profile. Colleges can (and will) search for online information about you.
* Check Counselor Corner (emailed every Friday to you).
* Meet with college reps when they visit BHS.
* Order announcements, cap and gowns. Watch for email.
* FINISH STRONG☺ Stay involved and keep your grades up. You don’t want to lose what you have worked so hard for.

**COMMENCEMENT** : **SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**.