

**AN UNOFFICIAL GUIDE  
TO SENIOR YEAR  
AT BHS  
2009-2010**

**September:**

Opening Assembly, welcome, overview of the year.  
Don't panic about college!! College is about being successful and happy once enrolled, not about getting into the school that sounds the most prestigious!!!  
There are 4,431 degree-granting colleges in the country. One of them is perfect for you!!!  
Hold slips must be cleared to have open campus, letters and e-mails were sent home about this.

PTO Meeting, Overview of Senior Year.

<http://www.bhs-pto.org/> PTO web-site, a useful source of information

September 12, ACT test date.

Senior Essay workshop: 9/26 8:30-12:30. Sign up at:  
<http://2009bhsptoworkshop.eventbrite.com>

9/24 Senior Parents Night; 7PM  
auditorium.

Guidance Seminars for Seniors, 3 weeks on application process, details from counselors.

**Requesting college recommendations:** ask nicely in person; give at least a month notice; provide information teacher/counselor requests, including schools, stamped envelopes, and deadlines.

Parent Brag Sheet, very helpful in writing school reports.

Guidance mailing on SAT/ACT test dates. Colleges visiting BHS on website.

All forms and information also available on BHS and PTO website.

**October:**

College applications and keeping up with class work.

Requesting recommendations from teachers and counselors, see above!

October 10, SAT test date.

October 14, International Parent Night.

October 22, Back to School Night.

October 22, Senior Class Big Picture X block in the Schluntz gym.

October 24, ACT test date, given at BHS.

Senior pictures, quotes, remember whens, etc. due to Yearbook.

### **November:**

School work and college applications.

Requesting recommendations from teachers and counselors, see above!

November 4, Financial Aid Night, 7PM auditorium.

November 7, SAT test date.

November 9, National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

Early Decision applications due November and early December.

Requests for transcripts, reports, recommendations, etc. must be made 15 days before due date!

### **December:**

December 5, SAT test date.

December 12 ACT test date.

School work and college applications; recommendations from teachers and counselors, see above!

Early Acceptances.

Requests for transcripts and reports sent to schools must be made **15 school days** before due dates in early January.

### **January:**

School work and college applications.

Senior slump? Colleges continue to monitor grades!

Most regular applications due.

Requests for transcripts, reports, recommendations, etc. must be made 15 days before due date!

### **February:**

Measurements for caps and gowns for all students.

Most applications completed.

Deans monitor grades and credits to insure graduation.

Send letters home for students at-risk of non-graduation.

### **March:**

T-shirt design contest for After The Prom Party T-Shirts.

Senior Letter Sent home: details for end of the year, dates, etc.

**Write thank you notes to counselors and teachers who wrote recommendations!!!!**

### **April:**

Voluntary T-block assembly to explain end-of-the year, graduation participants, speakers, musicians

Hold Slips for books lost over the four years which must be paid off in order to participate in graduation; (students can check now with Ms. Conneely).

Continue monitoring of grades to insure graduation, letters for those at-risk .

Regular Decision Acceptances.

NO Senior Slump! Colleges continue to monitor grades.

Senior Papers are due late April. Graduation requirement for all.

Annual Awards Ceremony.

**May:**

PTO meeting on letting go.

Prom Tickets on sale.

AP Exams: May 3-7 and May 10-14.

Mandatory Senior Assembly for End of the Year: speakers, musicians, and marshals announced;

prizes for those who buy prom tickets early; reminders that senior prank and senior skip day are not sanctioned; responsible behavior during prom and senior week required to insure graduation.

Yearbooks distributed.

Final Exams: week of May 24-28.

Seniors released who have completed all obligations May 28.

Athletic Awards Banquet.

**June:**

June 1, Senior Prom at Boston Park Plaza Hotel and After The Prom Party.

June 3: Get cleared for graduation; pick up caps and gowns, receive senior gift.

June 3: Senior Day in the morning and Graduation Rehearsal at 2:30.

June 6: Scholarship Breakfast.

June 6: Graduation on a sunny day!