

# SENIOR YEAR AT BHS

## September

**Focus** on taking a balanced course load and achieving the best possible grades in these classes.



**Teacher Recommendations**  
If they haven't done so already, students should ask teachers for college recommendations. Typically, colleges ask for two teacher recommendations: one from a Humanities class and one from a Math/Science class.

**ACT**

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**College Essay Workshop**  
BHS English teachers provide feedback to students on their college essay. For more information on this PTO-sponsored event, visit their website. ([bhs-pto.org](http://bhs-pto.org))

### Application Deadlines

Decide whether you want to apply *early* or *regular* decision. Confirm deadlines with your college.

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### Family Meetings

Parents: consider weekly "check-in" meetings with your student. This gives opportunity to discuss progress without falling into the nagging parent trap!

### Senior Guidance Seminars

Students will meet with their counselors in a group setting to learn about specific steps of the college application process.

### College Rep Visits

Representatives from colleges (often the Regional Coordinators) visit BHS during school hours. Students schedule with their teachers to visit. Check out the BHS Calendar. ([bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html](http://bhs.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendars.html))

### Materials due for October deadlines

Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your college deadline. Check Naviance for due dates.

### Preparing EARLY college applications

Students wishing to apply for **November** or **December** deadlines should start filling out their applications.

### Senior Parent Night

A PTO-sponsored event where parents are informed about the college application process.

## October

### Financial Aid Night

Didn't get a chance to attend Junior Year? Learn about financial aid options.

**OCT 1: File for the FAFSA** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA.gov*)  
You should receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within a month.

**OCT 1: File for CSS/Financial Aid profile** ([student.collegeboard.org/profile](http://student.collegeboard.org/profile))  
In addition to FAFSA, many colleges use CSS to award financial aid packages.

### Materials due for November deadlines

Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your November deadline.

### Preparing EARLY college applications

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## November

### Materials due for December deadlines

Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your December deadline.

### NOVEMBER 1 & NOVEMBER 15 deadlines

November 1st and November 15th applications are due.

### Preparing college applications

Students who wish to apply for December and January deadlines should start filling out their applications. ([commonapp.org](http://commonapp.org))



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### Demonstrated interest

Students: show your interest in a school! Plan a visit; attend a fair; speak with a rep... and yes, reply to their emails!

## December

### Materials due for January deadlines

Teacher and guidance counselor materials are due ONE MONTH before your January deadline.

### DECEMBER 1 & DECEMBER 15 deadlines

December 1st and December 15th applications are due.

### Early Decision acceptance letters arrive.



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## January



### SAT FINAL RETAKE EXAM

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### AP EXAM PREPARATION

Ask your guidance counselor how to prepare and when to take the exam.

### Important!

A month following submission, confirm that all the schools to which you have applied have received:

- your application,
- your transcripts,
- SAT or ACT scores,
- AP scores,
- financial aid information,
- and any additionally required documents.

## February

### BHS BU and NU Scholarship deadlines

Please see the BHS Scholarship webpage for more details. You may also search for scholarships in your community and beyond.

## April

### College decisions arrive

All college decisions should arrive by April 15th.

**Waitlisted?** Inform the admissions officer by email or letter that you are still interested. Ask if there is anything you can do to improve your chances of being accepted.

**BHS Scholarship deadline**  
Please see the BHS Scholarship webpage for more details.

## May



### AP EXAMS

Advanced Placement Exams take place at the beginning of May. Consult your subject teacher for more information, and visit the AP College Board website to register. ([apstudent.collegeboard.org](http://apstudent.collegeboard.org))

### Send initial college deposit (April and May)

Most schools ask that students inform them if they plan on attending their college in the Fall. The college will most likely ask the student to fill out a form and send a check with the initial non-refundable deposit.

Don't forget to study for Finals!

## June

### Exit Survey

In order to receive their cap and gown, students must fill out the **Senior Survey** on Naviance.

## Graduation!!!