

# Guidance Notes and Timeline for Seniors

## Class of 2018

### August and September

- Meet with Mrs. Gepfert/Mrs. Wallace to check your credits and discuss post-secondary and career plans. **You must have the 40 required credits by the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester completed to participate in graduation.**
- Register for the **SAT** or **ACT** if you have not taken either one yet or are not happy with your scores from junior year. See guidance for information on registering. **If you receive free or reduced lunch you are eligible for a fee waiver.** You must get that from guidance before registering. You must register online at: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) for the SAT (\$46.00) or SAT w/essay (\$60.00) and at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT with writing (\$58.50). Without writing is NOT an option the first time you take it!! ACT w/o writing is (\$42.50).

<i>SAT Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Date</i>
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*October 7.....	September 8
*November 4 .....	October 5
*December 2 .....	November 2
*March 10.....	February 9
*May 5 .....	April 6
*June 2 .....	May 3

*\*Offered at New Haven High School.*

<i>ACT Test date</i>	<i>Registration Date</i>
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September 9 .....	August 18
October 28 .....	September 22
December 9 .....	November 3
February 10.....	January 12
April 14 .....	March 9
June 14 .....	May 15

**School Code: SAT/ACT is 152545**

**\*\*\*Must include on registration for NHHS to receive scores so they appear on your transcript!! You must also send scores directly to colleges when you register.**

College entrance exam scores are a critical part of the college admission process.

- Attend the senior/parent meeting with your parents on **Friday, Aug. 18th at 5:30 pm during BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT!**

- **College Go Week – September 25-29 – all seniors should complete a college application.** More info at [www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org).
- Listen to announcements and check the wall outside of the guidance office for colleges and the military branches that will be visiting New Haven High School. Get a pass from the guidance office to be excused from class that day. Attend local college fairs.
- Register on Indiana e-transcript to have your transcript sent to the colleges which you are going to apply – [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). **This is the ONLY way a transcript will be sent to a college this year. Refer to handout for directions.** Narrow down the list of schools to which you will apply. Apply on-line to those schools. **Request a transcript through parchment to complete your application.**
- Start a resume of a list of school activities, community service activities, work experience and internship/externship experiences. You will need this to complete scholarship applications and give to someone who will write a letter of recommendation for you. If you do not have many things to list, you still have time to get involved with some group or activity. A form to complete on the computer is available from guidance or the CDC.
- Check the “Scholarship Wall” in your English classroom, [www.schoolsoup.com](http://www.schoolsoup.com), [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) and college financial aid web pages. Check the information every week to two weeks. Scholarships are also posted on the NHHS website.
- If you are planning to play Division 1 or 2 NCAA sports, apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) or NAIA at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org). See Mrs. Gepfert/Mrs. Wallace or your coach.

### October

- Make plans to visit the college campuses on your list or to shadow someone in a career that you are interested in pursuing.

- Use the internet to continue to research colleges and narrow your college choices. Great websites include:  
[www.learnmoreindiana.org](http://www.learnmoreindiana.org);  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com);  
[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com);  
[www.bls.gov/oco/](http://www.bls.gov/oco/)
- Work on completing applications and submitting them by November 1<sup>st</sup> if you have your SAT or ACT scores.
- If you have not taken the SAT or ACT, refer to dates and deadlines listed above. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!** Check with Mrs. Gepfert/Mrs. Wallace if your school of choice requires the test.
- Continue to look at the “Scholarship Wall” and ask questions. Remember that scholarships are also posted on the NHHS website. **It is your responsibility to find scholarships and plan financially to pay for college.**
- **Order your cap, gown and graduation announcements!!! Information will be given at a class meeting in late October.**
- Start work on your FAFSA form and compile tax information. You must file online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **Keep a copy for your records. The 2018-2019 form opens up on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. You may use income tax returns from 2016 to complete early. Please note this is a change for previous years.**

## November

- **Complete college applications!!** Make Thanksgiving break your deadline. Make sure to request a transcript from guidance or through parchment.
- Continue to check the “Scholarship Wall”, NHHS website and the College Visitor Information.
- If you have not done so, schedule a college visit or job shadow.
- **Complete the FAFSA online if you haven’t done so.**

## December

- Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships. Work on your resume so that you can complete as many as you can over Christmas vacation. You can look at the Community Foundation of Fort Wayne, [www.cfgfw.org](http://www.cfgfw.org) for the list of local scholarships that you might be eligible for. A complete list and application will be available in February.
- **Complete the FAFSA online if you haven’t done so.**

- December graduates should make sure that they have the necessary credits for graduation and will need to meet with Mrs. Gepfert/Mrs. Wallace to complete a senior exit survey.

## January

- Continue to check for scholarships.
- **Complete the FAFSA online if you haven’t done so.**

## February

- Complete your FAFSA if you have not done so by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Keep a copy for your records.**
- Continue to check for scholarships.
- Colleges should be sending you letters of acceptance. Begin to finalize selections and plans.

## March

- Submit your FAFSA if you have not done so by **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**
- Local scholarships will be due. Listen to announcements and check the guidance newsletter on the website for due date.
- Mrs. Gepfert will meet with students in AP courses to sign up for the exams in May.
- Continue to determine future plans. Notify colleges that you are NOT going to attend.

## April

- Make your final college choice by April 30. Make colleges aware of your choice.
- Send thank you letters to anyone who wrote you recommendation letters and helped you along the way.

## May

- AP exams will be given during the first two weeks of May. A schedule will be given to you.
- Relax!!! Enjoy your last month of school but keep your grades up.

## June

**Graduation Day – TBD**