

2017-18 SENIOR CALENDAR

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

- *Review your transcript/credits to make sure you are on track for graduation*
- *Register for a college admission test: ACT, SAT, and/or COMPASS*
- *Meet with the HS Counselor to discuss future plans*
- *Talk with college representatives who visit the high school*
- *Begin completing community service hours after preapproval*
- *Visit www.transferiniowa.org to see how community college classes transfer to Iowa universities.*
- *Plan a college visit(s).* See the HS Counselor for assistance in scheduling. Try to visit at least two or three for comparisons.
- *Begin filling out applications to colleges--you can apply to more than one.* Most colleges request that you submit the following: an application (with fee), standardized test scores, high school transcript, and possibly recommendation letters or an essay.
PAY ATTENTION TO DEADLINES!
- *Make contact with the people writing recommendation letters for you so they don't feel rushed.* Many schools have specific forms or topics they want included in the recommendation. Request these early.
- *Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.* It's a username and password. Remember, both parents AND students each need an FSA ID. Parents can use the same FSA ID to file all of their children's FAFSAs, but each child needs his/her own FSA ID. Go to <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> to create your FSA ID.
- *Register on www.fastweb.com for national scholarships*
- *Register with the NCAA or NAIA if you plan to play sports at the college level: www.ncaastudent.org www.naia.org*
- *Visit the SW Iowa College Fair with your parents at the Armory, September 18 from 6:30-7:30pm*
- *Attend the Financial Aid presentation at the Armory, September 18 from 7-7:45pm*
- **September 9 ACT**
- **September 22 registration deadline for the October 28 ACT**

OCTOBER

- *Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible: www.fafsa.ed.gov* Remember, it is very important for parents to have their income tax figured as early as possible. Some colleges allow parents to use estimates based on last year's taxes, but no federal loans or grants will be granted until taxes are complete. The sooner you can submit your FAFSA form after October 1, the more likely you'll be higher on the list for aid. Much of the federal aid is first come, first receive. Make sure you list the colleges where you want the financial info sent.
- *Apply for housing and scholarships*
- **October 6 late registration deadline for the October 28 ACT (additional \$29.50 late fee)**
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NOVEMBER

- *Apply for scholarships*
- **November 3 registration deadline for December 9 ACT**
- **November 17 late registration deadline for the December 9 ACT (additional \$29.50 late fee)**

DECEMBER

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Order caps, gowns, & announcements from Jostens*
- **December 9 ACT**

JANUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Review your transcript again*
- **January 12 registration deadline for February 10 ACT**
- **January 19 late registration deadline for February 10 ACT (additional \$29.50 late fee)**

FEBRUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Meet with the High School Counselor to re-discuss future plans*
- **February 10 ACT**

MARCH - APRIL

- *Apply for scholarships. THESE ARE EXTREMELY BUSY MONTHS FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS.*
- *Review your Student Aid Report (SAR), which is the result of your FAFSA being processed.* If you have not received your SAR within 4 weeks, call 1-800-4FED-AID. You can also check your status on their website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) with your FSA ID.
- *Cap and gown orders delivered*
- **March 9 registration deadline for April 14 ACT**
- **March 23 late registration deadline for April 14 ACT (additional \$29.50 late fee)**
- **April 14 ACT**

MAY

- *Inform the counselor (with proof) of any scholarships and awards received for recognition at Awards Assembly*
- *Complete your final high school transcript request form & survey*
- *Request your IWCC transcript to be sent to your college*
- *Notify all other colleges to remove your application from their active files*
- *Send a thank you note for each scholarship received*
- **May 1: Decision Day (must decide which college you are attending in the fall)** Wear your college t-shirt today!
- **May 4 registration deadline for June 9 ACT**
- **May 23, 6:30pm: Awards Assembly**
- **May 18 late registration deadline for June 9 ACT (additional \$29.50 late fee)**
- **May 27, 2:30pm: Graduation**