

Attention Seniors!!!!

Below is a list of things **ALL SENIORS** should know.

1. **Credits** – Are you enrolled in all the classes/credits required to graduate?
Regular Day * Credit Recovery * Algebra I * Fine Art or Foreign Language
2. **SAT's**: If you are planning on applying to a 4-year college or university, you must take the SAT. All major colleges and universities (not community colleges) require you to take the SAT Reasoning Test. If you are applying to a University of California (UC) campus, you **may** also need to take the SAT Subject Tests (2 tests in different subject areas) if you are applying for a competitive major. To register go to www.collegeboard.org or www.sat.org/register

Upcoming Dates	October 1, 2016	Reg. Deadline September 1, 2016 @BHS
	November 5, 2016	Reg. Deadline October 7, 2016 @BHS
	December 3, 2016	Reg. Deadline November 3, 2016 NOT @BHS

All SAT tests should be completed by December 3, 2016 test date.
3. **College Applications**: California State University system will begin accepting applications October 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016. The University of California (UC) system will begin accepting applications November 1 through November 30, 2016.
*California State University – www.csumentor.edu
*University of California – www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Private Universities – Consult websites for info & timelines
California Community Colleges – Spring 2017
4. **ASVAB**: Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery – Fall 2016 sign ups in Counseling Ctr. **Sept. 28 DEADLINE.**
Exam Oct.5, 2016
5. **Community Colleges vs. Trade/Technical Schools**: Many junior colleges offer specialized trade and technical programs for a fraction of the costs of a trade/technical school. If you are planning on pursuing a trade/technical education, see your counselor for how to access the California Community College website to see which campuses may offer your trade/technical program.
6. **Financial Aid/Scholarships**: www.FAFSA.gov
Application: ****New**** Beginning October 1, 2016 (use 2015 income & tax information)
For more helpful info go to: studentaid.ed.gov
Deadline: March 2, 2017 (CalGrant GPA verifications sent automatically by BHS records office.
Go to above website and create a FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID). Student & parent.
The federal and state governments provide money to assist students in need to off-set the costs of a post high school education. Scholarships- Last year the BHS community contributed to awards over \$2 million to the class of 2016 in the form of local, state, and national scholarships. Our first scholarship bulletin will be published mid-fall. Each time scholarships are added Counseling Office Clerk (scholarship office) will publish and distribute a new bulletin. Counselors, economics teachers, and government teachers post these bulletins in their offices and classrooms and they are also available for viewing on the BHS website.
7. **Letters of Recommendation**: You may need a letter of recommendation from teachers and counselors for college applications, financial aid, and scholarships. Give your teachers and counselors time to prepare and write your letter. Be prepared. You should give these people several days notice of your need for a letter(s). In addition, you should provide them with a resume of some kind so they can write you an accurate letter that reflects your accomplishments.
8. **ENDANGERED SENIOR!!!!!!**: DON'T BECOME ONE!!!
 - A. Failing a first semester class/credit required to graduate.
 - B. Enrolled Second Semester Credit Recovery to graduate.
 - C. Earn a 3rd quarter F in a class(es)/credits required to graduate.
 - D. 4th quarter deficiency (below C-) in a class(es)/credit(s) required to graduate.

YOUR NAME WILL BE TAKEN OFF THE GRADUATION LIST IF ANY OF A-D OCCUR.

***Please note that 6 Unexcused Absences can result in a Failing grade for any course!!

COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT****

Minimum College Admission Requirements for Cal State.U.C. (A-G requirements)

- 2 years of history/social science (including one year of World History; and one year of US History or one-half year of US History and one-half year of American Government/Civics)
- 4 years/8 semesters of college prep English
- 3 years of college prep Math (must include Algebra CP or Algebra 1, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra)
- 2 years of a lab Science (must include two of the three: Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 2 years of the same foreign language
- 1 year of the same fine art such as Art 1 & 2, Drama 1 & 2, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir
- 1 year of college prep electives (usually more English, science, math, social studies, fine arts, or foreign language that was not used in the other requirements)

*Remember, all grades for college admission requirements must be a C or better. They do not recognize a D or an F in a class.

*Please check the course description guide for a list of our classes that meet the UC/Cal State entrance requirements. SAT Reasoning Test is required for both Cal State and U.C.; U.C. also may require that students take subject area tests if applying for a competitive major.

Admission to Community College

All students planning to attend a two year college will need to take placement tests. The student should contact the school they are planning to attend. Cerro Coso comes to B.H.S. in the spring to test students planning to start there after graduation from Burroughs. Cerro Coso uses ACCUPLACER® as the computerized assessment test that will provide information about your level of skill accomplishment in reading, writing, and one of three levels of mathematics.

**Studying for ACCUPLACER® Cerro Coso students are strongly urged to study for the Accuplacer Placement Exam. This test can be taken one time within a 3 year period therefore we encourage students to do their best on this test. While a student cannot pass or fail this test it is important to get the highest score possible, not only because it cannot be retaken but also because it could possibly save hundreds of dollars on the cost of books and tuition if a student were able to test into higher levels of English and Math classes. Below are links to the College Board for sample questions and study guides.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer/accuplacer-tests.html>

Students without a high school diploma are eligible to attend a two year college if they are 18 years of age.

Important Web Sites

- www.calstate.edu (home page for all Cal State Universities)
- www.csumentor.edu (how to plan and apply to a Cal State)
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu (home site for University of California)
- www.ucop.edu/admissions (U.C. information on admissions)
- www.cccco.edu (California Community College system)
- www.cerrocoso.edu (home page for Cerro Coso Community College)
- www.californiacolleges.edu (college and career information for California)
- www.collegeboard.org (registration for SAT's)
- www.ncaaclearinghouse.net (you must register if you want to play sports at Div. 1 or Div. 2 colleges)
- www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct (to learn more about career technical education (C.T.E.))
- www.fastweb.com (leading online resource in finding scholarships to help you pay for school)
- www.consumeraffairs.com (offers an introduction to a variety of private student lenders)

Career Technical Education (C.T.E.)

C.T.E. engages all students in a dynamic and seamless learning experience resulting in their mastery of the career and academic knowledge and skills necessary to become productive, contributing members of society. Burroughs offers many career technical education courses (see the course description guide for information).

Your student's counselor will be happy to answer your questions or to meet with you to discuss any concerns you have. We are also happy to meet with you and your student to discuss graduation requirements and college admission requirements, or C.T.E. Please call us for an appointment at 499-1800, ext 4003. Our guidance technician will help you schedule an appointment. You are also welcome to email us.