

A PLANNING Calendar FOR SENIORS – Class of 2019

September

- Check Skyward weekly to stay informed about progress/grades.
- Attend senior meetings. Check the NKHS bulletin for times and dates.
- Check on application and financial aid deadlines for the schools to which you plan to apply. They may vary and it is essential to meet all deadlines!
- Meet with your guidance counselor to be sure your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record. Review your transcript and co-curricular records with your school counselor to ensure their accuracy.
- Register for the October/November SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests, or September/October ACT.
- If the colleges require recommendations, ask the appropriate people to write on your behalf. At least **three weeks** before the due date, ask your counselor, teachers, employers, or coaches to write letters of recommendation. Provide recommendation forms, any special instructions and a stamped, addressed business envelope to the people writing your recommendation. Be thoughtful! Write thank-you notes to those who write recommendations and keep them informed of your decisions.
- Plan visits to colleges and set up interviews. Read bulletin boards and the college newspaper. Talk with current students and professors.
- Listen to the bulletin and check the Work Site Learning room for information about universities who visit NKHS.
- Plan to attend the Fall Open House on September 20th, 2018
- Plan to attend the Financial Aid & Scholarship Workshop – NKHS on Sept. 27th, 2018

October

- FAFSA (Free Application Federal Student Aid) comes live October 1st, 2018.
- Attend Fall Performing & Visual Arts College Fair if interested at the Seattle Center Fisher Pavilion 10-2-18.
- Plan on attending NKHS College Information Night & Beyond scheduled on Oct. 4th, 2018.
- If applying for early decision or early action, send in your application now. Be aware of binding and non-binding terms. Also prepare applications for back-up schools. Remember, if you are accepted under the early decision option, you are expected to enroll at that college and to withdraw all other applications.
- Register for the December/January SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests, or December ACT if you have not completed the required tests or if you are not happy with your previous test scores and think you can do better.
- Have official test scores sent by the SAT/ACT testing agency to colleges on your list.
- Attend Fall NKHS Conferences with parent or guardian on Oct, 25th, 26th, 2018.
- Take the ASVAB (see Mrs. Comeau in the Career Center for dates).

November

- Attend the National College Fair in Seattle @ the WA State Convention Center Friday 11-02-18 (9-12 am) or Saturday 11-3-18 (12-4 pm)
- Take the ACT, SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject Tests if appropriate. Don't forget to have test scores sent to colleges on your list.
- Register for the CSS Profile if required and obtain the college's own financial aid forms, if available.
- Keep all records, test score reports and copies of applications for admission and financial aid.
- If you completed a FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks after submitting the FAFSA. Review the SAR carefully and check for any inaccuracies. If necessary, correct any items on the SAR and return it to the FAFSA processor (if a college transmitted your data directly, notify the college of any change).
- If more than four weeks have passed after sending in your FAFSA and you have not received an acknowledgment, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (319) 337-5665.

December

- Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list if you have not done so.
- Consult your school counselor again to review your final list of colleges.
- If you applied for early decision, you should have an answer by now. If you are accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students.

January

- Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout the senior year.
- Remember to send your transcript of your first semester grades to the colleges to which you applied.
- Parents and students, complete your income tax forms as soon as possible. You will need those figures to fill out the FAFSA. Complete and return your FAFSA as quickly as possible after October 1st. Check to make sure your colleges do not require any other financial aid forms.
- Attend the ROTC/Military Academy Night at CKHS Auditorium (if interested) on January 31st, 2019.

February

- Remember to monitor your applications to be sure that all materials are sent and received on time and that they are complete.
- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can.
- Enjoy your final year in high school, but don't catch senioritis!
- If failing any courses, see your counselor.

March

- Stay focused and keep studying, only a couple more months to go!
- If attending Olympic College, the Financial Aid Priority deadline for all WA State Community and Technical Colleges is in March. For Olympic College: apply early and take the Accuplacer at OC.
- See Career Specialist to participate in Olympic College Transition Tour if interested in attending Olympic College following graduation.

April

- Review your college acceptances and financial aid awards. Be sure to compare financial aid packages in your decision-making process. You must decide which offer of admission to accept by May 1 (postmark date).

May

- By May 1, decide on the one college that you will attend and send in your tuition deposit to the college you will attend. Notify the other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college.
- BE PROUD-you have completed a difficult task. Attend & inform the counseling office your information for the Senior Awards Night at NKHS.
- Take Advanced Placement examinations, if appropriate and request that your AP scores be sent to the college you will attend.
- If attending Olympic College, make sure you have started the registration process and taken the Accuplacer.
- **Communicate** to the Counseling Office any college acceptance, future plans and scholarship and/or awards.

June

- Final transcripts will be available at the end of June through <http://www.parchment.com/> and to get started, go to https://parchmentsupport.force.com/Article?id=kA1380000004KxZCAU&label=Getting%20Started&topic=Getting_Started_Learn&product=Learner.
- Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving.
- Know when the payment for tuition, room and board, meal plans, etc., is due. If necessary, ask the financial aid office about a possible payment plan that will allow for you to pay in installments.
- Congratulations, you've made it through high school! Enjoy your graduation and look forward to college.
- Attend Scholarship & Awards Night in June 2019.

July Look for information in the mail from the college about housing, roommate(s), orientation, course selection, etc. Respond promptly to all requests from the college. August-September Pack for college. Don't forget to include things that remind you of friends and family. Be prepared for the new opportunities and challenges. Have a great freshman year!

(Time & dates are subject to change. Check email, school calendar and website for changes).

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