

September

- 6** Senior Portfolio deadline for first meeting with advisor
- 8** Deadline to register for the October 7th SAT
- 12** Senior Parent Night at CBNA @ 6:30pm
- 19** Mini-College Fair @ CBNA, 2:00-2:45pm
- 22** Deadline to register for the October 28th ACT
- 27** Senior Portfolio deadline for Project Proposal and preliminary plan to advisor

October

- 1** Start date to begin the FAFSA!
- 3** Mini-College Fair at Coe-Brown 2:00-2:45 PM. If you missed the first fair, schedule an appointment with your counselor to get a pass for this one if it includes schools of interest. This is part of accomplishing your Senior Career Plan required for your Portfolio!
- 5** Deadline to register for November 4th SAT
- 7** SAT administration
- 12** Financial Aid Night at CBNA, 6:30pm in MPR
- 28** ACT Administration date
- 26, 27, 28** Coe-Brown production of "Godspell" - Going can count as portfolio optional component #33, attendance at an in-house CBNA cultural event, if you have this preapproved by your advisor!

November

- 1** Deadline for some Early Decision applications. If this applies to you, you must be in touch with your counselor and reference letter writers in early October to make it all happen!
- 1** Senior Portfolio deadline for Personal and Project Narrative 1
- 2** Deadline to register for the December 2nd SAT
- 3** Deadline to register for the December 9th ACT
- 4** SAT administration date
- 15** Deadline for many Early Decision applications, including UNH
- 18** ASVAB testing at CBNA 8am in MPR

Testing News

UNH, Keene and Plymouth require that you submit scores directly to them electronically. If you are testing in October, and applying to any of them make sure add them as a recipient of your scores. If you do not use your four free chances to send scores, you will need to pay approximately \$12 for each score you send after that, or above and beyond the four free scores.

SAT Prep – www.khanacademy.com

College Search

1. Your initial list should be 4 to 6 schools with a good balance of entrance level difficulty.
2. A good rule of thumb is 1-2 'reach' schools, 2-3 'target' schools, and 1-2 'safety' schools.
3. Keep in mind: You can get an excellent education in many places- the most important thing is the match between you and the school!
4. Contact your top choices. Visit. Tour. Interview if possible or required. Attend Open Houses: many are posted on the bulletin board in Guidance; or check a college's website for upcoming events.
5. To have an excused day for a college visit or to sign up with the military, follow the procedure required!
6. If you plan to visit three or more colleges, this can be used as a Portfolio component as long as you go *with your parent or other adult* and attend a college organized information session, tour or Open House.

7. **Deadlines:** Early Decision or Early Action deadlines for highly competitive schools are in November, as early as the 1st.
8. Reference requests to your teachers and Guidance Counselor must be made in a timely manner with plenty of advanced warning (2-3 weeks) in order for us to do our best for you.
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 - a. If your family needs help determining how much a college may ask your family to pay towards your education, do the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) calculator at www.finaid.org. Click on **Calculators** on the first page, and then go to **Needs Analysis, Estimated Family Contribution**.
 - b. If you are applying for Financial Aid and your school requires the *Profile*, register for it over the Internet at the web site: collegeboard.org. It is a two-step process; so do not postpone doing it until the last minute!
 - c. The Financial Aid Workshop on the FAFSA will be held here on October 12th.
 - d. Definitely *keep copies of anything you submit for Financial Aid and BE SURE to keep both your PIN number for the FAFSA and that of your parent in a place you can find it as you'll need it for four years.*
 - e. Check the Scholarship Board in the Guidance office, next semester, or use sites such as www.fastweb.com or www.meritaid.com.

Applications:

1. If you are using the *Common Application* (www.commonapp.org):
 - a. Don't expect to sit down on a Sunday night and fill out The Common App! It's a process, so check-in with your counselor, often as you complete it.
 - b. Make sure you link you Common App account with Naviance – see your counselor for help with this!**
2. Keep a copy of one of your applications to use for a Senior Portfolio optional component #2!

Career Search

1. If you are still uncertain about next year, sign up to take the ASVAB on November 18th (also counts as a portfolio component #12!), use Naviance to do some career searching by taking additional inventories and assessments, and certainly meet with your counselor to talk about it!
2. Look into job shadowing (components #37 & #38), or interviewing someone about their career (component #39), as a ways to get a first-hand look of what a particular job is all about!
3. Explore options other than formal schooling → Gap Year Programs, Military, Apprenticeships, & more....

Senior Portfolio & Extras.....

Senior Career Plan: Turn the *Senior Questionnaire* in to your counselor ASAP as well as a rough draft of your *Resume*. These are first steps in working on the Senior Career Plan.

Community Service - Do **you** have your 40 hours done?

Portfolio Forms - available in Google Drive. Save everything for portfolio throughout the year, and communicate with your advisor regularly!

NH Scholars: Academic distinction and recognition; strengthens your transcript; appealing to colleges; 3

Pathways: NH Scholars/STEM/Arts; see your counselor for more info!!

Competencies & Absences: As the year progresses, be aware that you are not in any jeopardy of losing credit by either failing competencies or violating the attendance policy! Also, keep in mind that Perfect Attendance – either all four years, or during Senior year though Q3 – counts for components #17 & #18, and passing all competencies through Q3 counts for component #11!

Do or do not. There is no “try”. Yoda

