

2021-22 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 Mrs. Weiss 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 Mrs. Weiss 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 and be appreciative.
- 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
- **September 11: ACT**
- **September 17: registration deadline for the October 23 ACT**
- **September 20, 6:30-7:30pm: SW Iowa College Fair at Shenandoah's National Guard Armory**
- **September 21, 9-9:30am: SW Iowa College Fair at Shenandoah's National Guard Armory (you will be bussed)**
- **September 26, 12:30-3pm: Golden Circle College & Career Fair: <https://www.icansucceed.org/golden-circle-college-and-career-fair>**

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 1: late registration deadline for the October 23 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **October 23: ACT**

NOVEMBER

- Apply for scholarships
- **November 5: registration deadline for December 11 ACT**
- **November 19: late registration deadline for the December 11 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**

DECEMBER

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Order cap & gown*
- **December 11: ACT**

JANUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Review your transcript again*
- **January 7: registration deadline for February 12 ACT**
- **January 21: late registration deadline for February 12 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **January 31, 3:30pm: UNIFORM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE TO MRS. WEISS**
- **January 31: deadline to submit senior & baby photos**

FEBRUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Meet with Mrs. Weiss to re-discuss future plans*
- **February 12: ACT**
- **February 25: registration deadline for April 2 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 11: late registration deadline for April 17 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **April 2: ACT**

MAY

- *Inform Mrs. Weiss (with proof) of any scholarships and awards received for recognition at Awards Assembly*
- *Complete your senior survey (with final transcript request), check-out sheet, & post-secondary plans form*
- *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 6: registration deadline for June 11 ACT**
- **May 18, 6:30pm: Awards Assembly**
- **May 19: Thank you note Thursday in the HS library**
- **May 20: Graduation practice**
- **May 20: late registration deadline for June 11 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **May 22, 2:30pm: Graduation**