

2022-23 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 Mrs. Weiss to discuss future plans (during Personal & Career Readiness class)*
- *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, & 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 & be appreciative.
- *Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.* It's a username & 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://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> to create your FSA ID.
- *Register on www.fastweb.com for national scholarships*
- *Register with the [NCAA](http://www.ncaa.org) or [NAIA](http://www.naia.org) if you plan to play sports at the college level*
- **September 10: ACT**
- **September 16: registration deadline for the October 22 ACT**
- **September 19, 6:30-7:30pm: SW Iowa College Fair at Shenandoah's National Guard Armory**
- **September 19, 6:00-7:00pm: Financial Aid webinar broadcasted in the NG Armory classroom**
- **September 25, 12:30-3pm: Golden Circle College & Career Fair: <https://www.icansucceed.org/golden-circle-college-and-career-fair>**
- **September 30: late registration deadline for the October 22 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**

OCTOBER

- *Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible after October 1: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>* 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 & scholarships*
- **October 22: ACT**

NOVEMBER

- *Apply for scholarships*
- **November 4: registration deadline for December 10 ACT**
- **November 11: late registration deadline for the December 10 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**

DECEMBER

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Order cap & gown*
- **December 10: ACT**

JANUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- *Review your transcript again*
- **January 6: registration deadline for February 11 ACT**
- **January 20: late registration deadline for February 11 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **January 31, 3:30pm: Uniform Scholarship applications are due to Mrs. Weiss**
- **January 31: deadline to submit senior & baby photos**

FEBRUARY

- *Apply for scholarships*
- **February 11: 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 (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) with your FSA ID.*
- *Pick up cap & gown*
- **March 10: registration deadline for April 15 ACT**
- **March 24: late registration deadline for April 15 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **April 15: ACT**

MAY

- *Inform Mrs. Weiss (with proof) of any scholarships & 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 5: registration deadline for June 10 ACT**
- **May 17, 6:30pm: Awards Assembly**
- **May 18: Thank you note Thursday in the HS library**
- **May 19: Graduation practice**
- **May 19: late registration deadline for June 10 ACT (additional \$36.00 late fee)**
- **May 21, 2:30pm: Graduation**