

# BEING PREPARED FOR 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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BHS School Counseling

# Important Tasks for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

1

Review transcripts in HAC and check for errors

2

Meet with school counselor to go over graduation requirements (this will automatically be scheduled at the beginning of the school year)

3

Retake any courses on transcript with D or F to improve GPA and/or get back on track to earn credits for graduation (should be done before 25-26 SY begins)

4

Take ACT and/or SAT again if graduation assessments have not yet been met and/or if higher score is needed for Bright Futures scholarship

# Important Tasks for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Visit	Visit post-secondary campuses
Finalize	Finalize resume of activities
Apply	Apply to University/College/Vocational School
Apply	Apply for financial aid <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) – December 1</li><li>•FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application, including Bright Futures Scholarship) – October 1</li></ul>
Apply	Apply for scholarships
Request	In May, request a final transcript to be sent to the post-secondary institution that student is attending

# ACT & SAT Information

**VERY IMPORTANT** - Students will be evaluated for Bright Futures based on official test scores from the FDOE repository. To ensure Office of Student Financial Assistance obtains official test scores: Ensure demographics on your test registration and high school transcript match; and request your official test scores be sent to one of Florida's 12 state universities when registering for the ACT and/or SAT.

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ACT registration (choose day, location, and pay for exam) - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

All current 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ACT during the school day on February 25

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Free ACT test prep - <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation/free-act-test-prep.html>

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SAT registration (choose day, location, and pay for exam) - <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

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Free SAT test prep – <https://www.khanacademy.org/digital-sat>

# Community Service or Paid Work Hours



Not needed for graduation



Needed for \$\$ (scholarships, including Bright Futures)



Your goal should be to finish 100 hours of community service/paid work hours by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade so you will qualify for the highest level of the BF scholarship

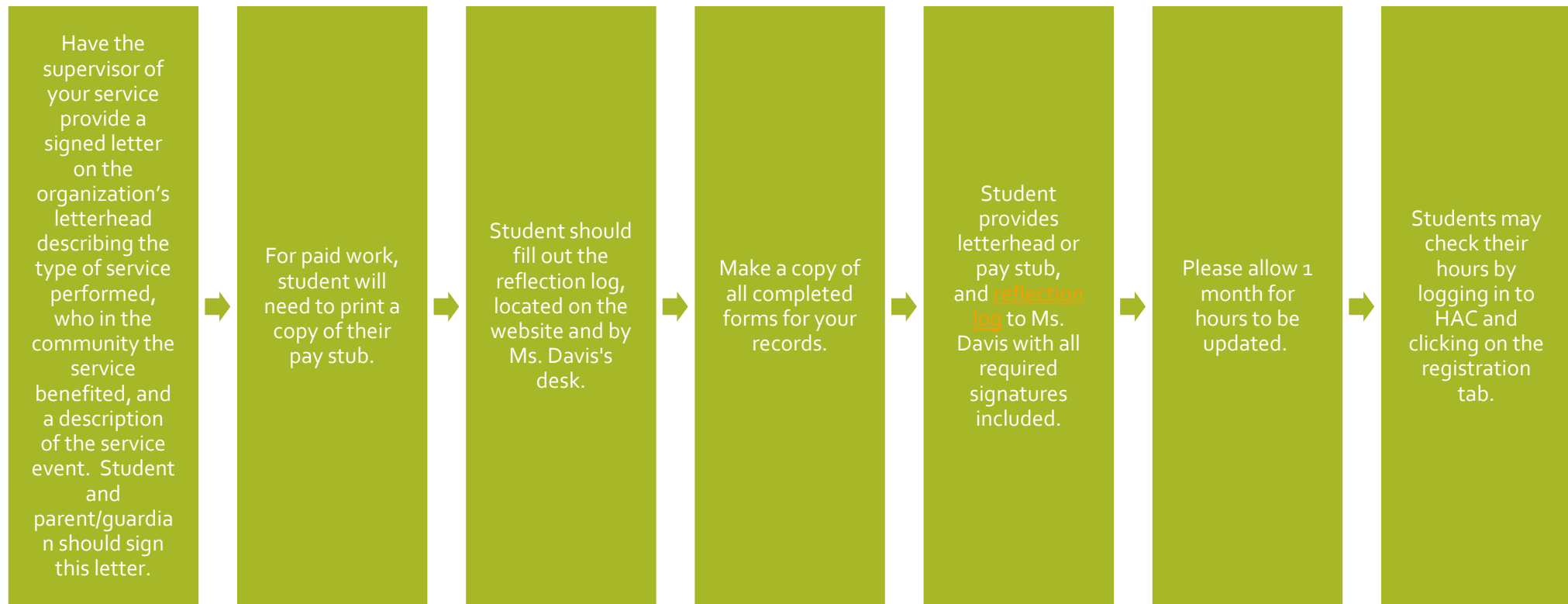


How to find community service opportunities -

Beachside School Counseling  
Schoolology Updates

<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>

# How to Turn in Community Service/Paid Work Hours



# Scholarships

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Start applying NOW!

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<https://www.raise.me/join/5778868440>

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<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

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<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

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<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

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Opportunities from parent and students' current employers

# What should seniors do to qualify for the Bright Futures scholarship?

Review	Review Bright Futures report. Will be given to juniors in April and again twice during their senior year.
See	See your school counselor if there are any errors on the report or transcript
Take	Take note of what is 'missing' to qualify for each award
Take	Take steps to improve the Bright Futures GPA if it is borderline
Retake	Retake ACT and/or SAT and/or CLT as needed and send scores to Florida universities
Turn in	Turn in any remaining community service/work hours by winter break
Apply on	Apply on October 1, even if you don't have the qualifications yet



# Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Award Requirements

Type	16 High School Course Credits <sup>1</sup>	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT <sup>®</sup> /CLT <sup>®</sup> /SAT <sup>®</sup> )	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/Paid Hours
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i>	3.50	2024-25 Graduates: 29/96/1340	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i>		2025-26 Graduates: 29/95/1330			
FMS	3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i>	3.00	2024-25 Graduates: 25/84/1210	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours
	3 - Social Science		2025-26 Graduates: 24/82/1190			
	2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>					

100% of tuition and specific fees

75% of tuition and specific fees

# Bright Futures Resources



Work towards eligibility now; apply October 1 of senior year



BHS Bright Futures Webpage

<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/florida-bright-futures/>



BHS Fall Parent Night Presentation

<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>



Bright Futures Handbook

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

**ATLANTA**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Georgia International  
Convention Center,  
Atlanta, Georgia

**PITTSBURGH**

**TUESDAY, JAN. 28**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

David L. Lawrence Convention  
Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**COLUMBUS**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 2**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Columbus Convention  
Center, Columbus, Ohio

**GREATER LOS ANGELES**

**MONDAY, FEB. 3**

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Pasadena Convention Center,  
Pasadena, California

**INLAND EMPIRE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Ontario Convention Center,  
Ontario, California

**FEBRUARY**

**VIRTUAL FAIR**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

**ORANGE COUNTY**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Anaheim Convention Center,  
Anaheim, California

**CLEVELAND**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 22**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Huntington Convention Center of  
Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio

**NEW JERSEY**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

New Jersey Convention  
and Exposition Center,  
Edison, New Jersey

**MIAMI**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Miami Airport Convention  
Center at DoubleTree by Hilton,  
Miami, Florida

**ROCHESTER**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 17**

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Joseph E. Floreano Rochester  
Riverside Convention Center,  
Rochester, New York

**SYRACUSE**

**MONDAY, MARCH 17**

5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18**

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The OCenter,  
Syracuse, New York

**BUFFALO**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Buffalo Convention Center,  
Buffalo, New York

**HARTFORD**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Connecticut Convention Center,  
Hartford, Connecticut

**CHARLOTTE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Charlotte Convention Center,  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**MARCH VIRTUAL FAIR**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

**BOSTON**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY MARCH 28**

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Boston Convention and Exhibition  
Center, Boston, Massachusetts

**WEST MICHIGAN**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DeVos Place,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

**METRO DETROIT**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Suburban Collection Showplace,  
Novi, Michigan

**PROVIDENCE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Rhode Island Convention Center,  
Providence, Rhode Island

**NEW YORK CITY**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Jacob Javits Convention Center,  
New York, New York

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8**

9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9**

9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adventist HealthCare Fieldhouse,  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

**AUSTIN**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8**

6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Palmer Events Center,  
Austin, Texas

**HOUSTON**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

NRG Park, Houston, Texas

**PRINCE GEORGE'S  
COUNTY**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 11**

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Prince George's County Sports  
and Learning Complex,  
Landover, Maryland

**APRIL VIRTUAL FAIR**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 27**

1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

**VANCOUVER**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Vancouver Convention Centre  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

# College Fairs/Visits

- March 12 – BHS College/Career Fair; during school day (open only to students, not parents)
- Information about schools who visits Beachside next school year will be posted here:  
<https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/>

*\* These programs will have designated STEM and Performing and Visual Arts exhibit space.*

*After registration, exhibiting institutions will choose which zone they would like to be placed in – General College Fair, STEM or PVA.*

# Your Senior schedule should set you up for your first year out of high school

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Going to a 4 year college or university? Take classes that will prepare you for your major. Take more classes beyond the minimum required for graduation

02

Going to a vocational school? Take classes at FCTC to get a jump start on your education for free.

03

Going to SJRSC or FSCJ or another state college? Take classes that will prepare you for your major. Take more classes beyond the minimum required for graduation

# How to build a strong Senior schedule

Research Colleges for course information

AICE, AP, and DE courses

Take Academic electives

To Reduce or not to Reduce

Executive Intern (CO-OP)

See commitments through – No Schedule Changes

# Reduced schedule/ Executive Intern (CO- OP)?

Reduced – 12<sup>th</sup> graders can reduce up to 3 periods during their senior year if the student is **on track** for an on time high school graduation.

- **Student should provide their own transportation.**
- Morning or afternoon reduced periods cannot be guaranteed.
- Students cannot 'hang out' at school during a reduced period.

Blended – Blend of classes at both Beachside HS and dual enrollment at either SJRSC or FCTC.

- **Student should provide their own transportation.**
- Seniors can choose to take all their classes with SJRSC (must take at least 12 credit hours per term)

Executive Intern (CO-OP) – Students can have up to 4 executive intern periods cumulative during 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade and will be allowed to leave campus early.

- **Students should provide their own transportation**
- Students should work 25 hours a month for every period on their schedule.
- Assignments and pay stubs will be turned in to earn a grade in the course.
- This is a credit bearing class and will count towards one of the 4 periods students should take senior year.
- Students cannot 'hang out' at school during an executive intern period.

# Typical Senior Schedule – College or University

English (AP, AICE, or DE)

Math (AP, DE, or Honors)

Economics and US Government (AP, DE, or Honors)

Science (if needed for major)

Academic elective (AP, AICE, or DE - choose classes that will help with major)

# Typical Senior Schedule – 2 Year College

English

Math

Economics and US Government

Science (if needed for major)

Elective (choose classes that will help with major) or  
Executive Intern (CO-OP) or office intern



# Typical Senior Schedule – Vocational School

English

Math

Economics and US Government

Elective (can be executive intern/CO-OP or  
First Coast Technical College classes)

# Blended Schedule with SJRSC Dual Enrollment – Things to Consider

- Parents have no access to student's dual enrollment grades until they are added to both the college and high school transcript
- College professors/academic advisors will not communicate with parents
- All high school students who are taking dual enrollment classes are treated as an adult college student and will be taking classes with adult college students
- High school counselors cannot advise on AA degree requirements or pre-requisites needed for intended majors. Students should contact SJRSC for degree requirements
- **Students should be extremely intentional when choosing dual enrollment courses to be sure they are getting pre-requisite credits needed for their college major. Students should research courses needed to complete their Bachelors degree at their intended university, then work backwards from there when choosing dual enrollment courses.**
- Beachside schedule cannot be modified or changed to accommodate dual enrollment classes
- College professors do not allow students to 'remediate' or 'retest'.

# Blended Schedule with SJRSC Dual Enrollment – Qualifications and Steps

- Read Dual Enrollment FAQ for answers to all questions - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>
- Qualifications
  - 3.0 unweighted, cumulative GPA and
  - Qualifying placement scores for math, reading, and writing
    - Scores needed: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>
- Steps
  - April-ish - Fall term dual enrollment courses will be viewable.
  - May - Summer term dual enrollment registration begins
  - May – Students should fill out the Intent to take Dual Enrollment form after choosing their SJRSC classes
  - May – BHS deadline. School Counselors recommend submitting all paperwork as soon as possible for the best chance of securing a seat in the requested course before courses reach capacity.
  - It is the students responsibility to check their SJRSC schedule to determine if they got in the course(s) they requested. Directions to check SJRSC schedule: <https://www.sjrstate.edu/pdfs/DE-check-schedule.pdf>
  - Students should request textbooks via SJCS media services - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/dual-enrollment/>

# Blended Schedule with SJRSC Dual Enrollment – Meeting with Counselor

- Student should tell counselor their intention to take dual enrollment at meeting. Their telling us their intention in no way enrolls them in a dual enrollment course. The student will be directed to the BHS dual enrollment website: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>
- Counselor will not remove any courses from schedule until SJRSC gives us notification that the student is enrolled in courses
- Student should pay attention to Schoology posts and Remind text messages, so they don't miss dual enrollment deadline in May
- SJRSC and BHS Classes
  - Traditional dual enrollment students may take a maximum of ten (10) credit hours in the fall term, ten (10) credit hours in the spring term, and six (6) to eight (8) credit hours (a maximum of 2 courses total) for the summer term
- SJRSC Classes (No BHS Classes) – Seniors only
  - Early admissions students must take a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of sixteen (16) credit hours each fall and spring term.



# Blended Schedule with SJRSC Dual Enrollment – Intent to take Dual Enrollment Form

- Intent to take Dual Enrollment Form – must be completed during the SJRSC course selection process (NOT the BHS course selection process). Available in May; after choosing SJRSC courses.
- If a student plans to take Dual Enrollment with SJRSC next year, they should still have their BHS graduation courses listed, then they will complete this form to let their counselor know which SJRSC courses they intend to take in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Once the student has (1) completed the SJRSC application, (2) submitted qualifying placement test scores, (3) accurately completed the registration form in May, and (4) enrollment in the selected course(s) is confirmed by SJRSC, then the BHS course will be removed from their schedule. Forms and deadlines can be found here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-sjrsc/>
- Fill out the intent to take Dual Enrollment form to request either a virtual lab on BHS campus, blended schedule with BHS, or no change to BHS schedule to coincide with your SJRSC dual enrollment classes.

# Blended Schedule with SJRSC Dual Enrollment – Commons Examples of High School Credit

ENC 1101 = 1  
English credit

ENC 1102 = 1  
English credit

MAC 1105 = 1  
Math credit

POS 1041 = 0.50  
US Government  
credit

ECO 2013 = 0.50  
Economics  
credit

ECO 2023 = 0.50  
Economics  
credit

We do not recommend taking MAC 1105 as an online class

# Dual Enrollment/Secondary Electives with First Coast Technical College

## Programs Offered

- Applied Cybersecurity
- Dental Assisting
- Diesel Systems Technician
- Early Childhood Education
- HVAC
- Landscape & Turf Management
- Master Automotive Service Technology
- Nursery Management
- Professional Culinary Arts & Hospitality
- Welding Technology
- Cosmetology (Secondary Elective)

Program information & applications: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/dual-enrollment-fctc/>

Applications due to FCTC: During appointment with school counselor

## Minimum Requirements

- 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- Good attendance and discipline record
- 2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA
- On track for graduation
- Room in schedule (most 11<sup>th</sup> graders would need to complete several courses over the summer to make room on schedule)
- Transportation to/from campus

## Guidelines for successful student outcomes

- Motivated
- Ability to adapt successfully to a college environment
- Accountable for their attendance
- Engaged/proactive learners
- Self-advocacy



# Blended Schedule with FCTC Dual Enrollment



- The classes at FCTC are extremely limited
- FCTC application paperwork is due to them by February 14, so we need the completed applications by the student's registration appointment
- FCTC application: <https://fctc.edu/students/highschool/dual-enrollment/de/>
- FCTC will be hosting a Secondary and Dual Enrollment program information session and tour at FCTC on 2/11 at 6 pm



## Senioritis (n.)

A crippling disease that strikes high school seniors.

### Symptoms:

laziness, an over-excessive wearing of track pants, and sweatshirts.

Lack of studying, repeated absences, and a dismissive attitude.

The only known cure is a phenomenon known as Graduation.

- It's a thing.
- If a student doesn't earn all the graduation requirements, then they don't participate in the ceremony – even if they are just .50 credit short or their GPA is a 1.99999
- Parents, during senior year, check HAC again like you did when they were little so there are no surprises. Yes, even the parent of the kid who never even earned a C.

# Help for Seniors from School Counselors



Individual Credit Checks to go over remaining graduation requirements



College Application Help Sessions – seniors sign up for help with post-secondary applications



Post-Secondary rep visits to Beachside



Financial Aid Workshop – seniors learn about FAFSA, Scholarships, FFAA and we help them apply for Florida Financial Aid (Bright Futures)

April 2025 – Classroom lesson with juniors: Receive Bright Futures evaluation sheet, review post-secondary options, post-secondary application process

# THANK YOU!

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All presentations will be posted here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/course-selections/>