

BEING PREPARED FOR 12TH GRADE

BHS School Counseling

As a reminder - Junior Year Goals:

-  Stay on track for high school graduation
-  Complete Financial Literacy on FLVS or SJVS by March 13 if student does not want it on their senior year schedule (not a requirement for AICE diploma)
-  Take both ACT and SAT
-  Retake ACT or SAT as necessary for Bright Futures and/or College Admission
-  Research and visit post-secondary schools
-  Earn and turn in 100 hours of community service or work hours
-  Complete grade forgiveness (as necessary)
-  Research what colleges want to see on senior year schedule (we will meet with juniors in February to choose senior year classes)

Important Tasks for 12th Grade

1

Review transcripts in HAC and check for errors (In August)

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 26-27 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 (now and throughout senior year)

Important Tasks for 12th Grade

Visit	Visit post-secondary campuses (now and early 12 th grade year)
Finalize	Finalize resume of activities (to be completed early 12 th grade year)
Apply	Apply to University or 4-year college by <u>October 15</u> . Apply to 2-year college or vocational school by spring of senior year
Apply	Apply for financial aid <ul style="list-style-type: none">•FAFSA (Federal Application for Student Aid) – October 1•FFAA (Florida Financial Aid Application, including Bright Futures Scholarship) – October 1
Apply	Apply for scholarships (now and throughout senior year/college)
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.

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 11th graders will take the ACT during the school day on February 24

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

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

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 11th grade so you will qualify for the highest level of the BF scholarship

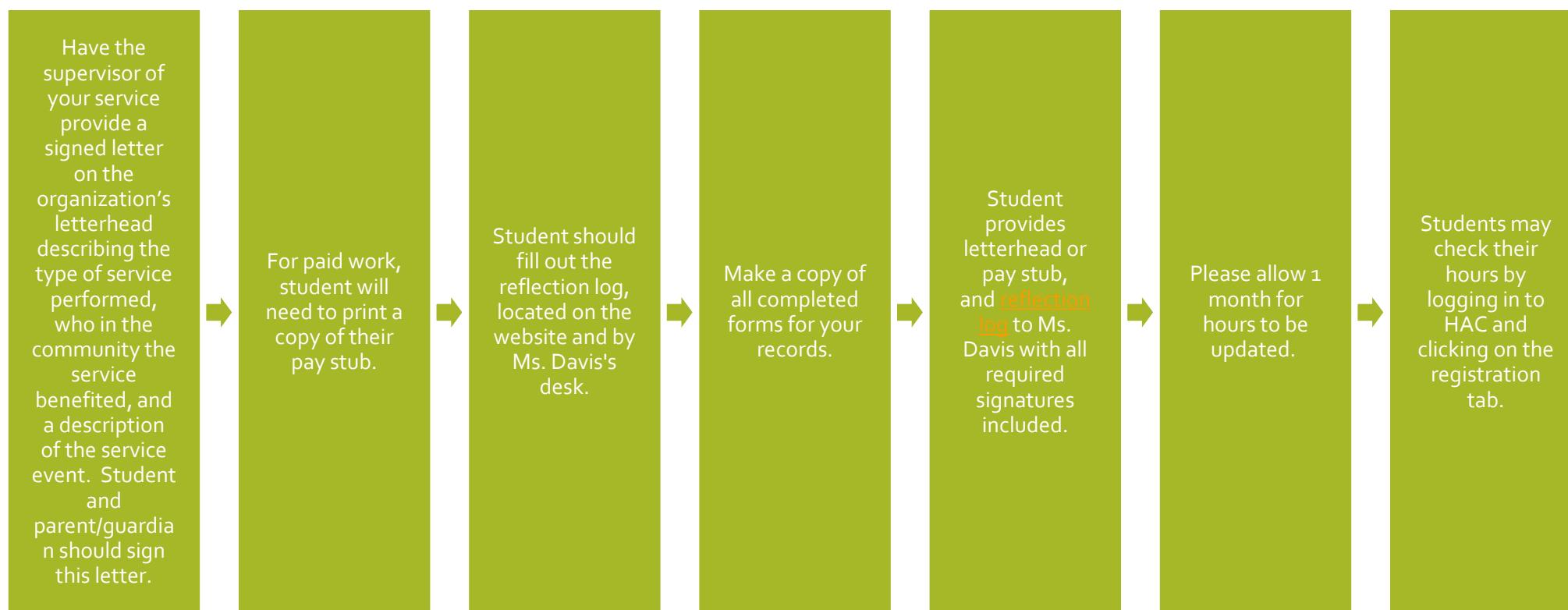


How to find community service opportunities -

Beachside School Counseling
Schoology Updates

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

How to Turn in Community Service/Paid Work Hours



Scholarships

Start applying NOW!

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

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

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

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

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 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
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 ¹	High School Weighted Bright Futures GPA	College Entrance Exams by High School Graduation Year (ACT®/CLT®/SAT®)	Volunteer Service Only	Paid Work Hours Only	Combination of Volunteer/ Paid Hours	
FAS	4 - English <i>(three must include substantial writing)</i> 4 - Mathematics <i>(at or above the Algebra I level)</i> 3 - Natural Science <i>(two must have substantial laboratory)</i> 3 - Social Science	3.50	2025-26 Graduates ² : 29/95/1330 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 29/95/1330	100 hours	100 hours	100 hours	100% of tuition and specific fees
FMS	3 - Social Science 2 - Foreign/World Language <i>(sequential, in same language)</i>	3.00	2025-26 Graduates ² : 24/82/1190 2026-27 Graduates ³ : 24/82/1190	75 hours	100 hours	100 hours	75% of tuition and specific fees

***Students who earn the AICE Diploma Award do not have to meet the GPA or Testing requirements. They DO have to submit the Volunteer/Work hours.**

When do students get a Bright Futures evaluation?

- 10th graders – In April
 - Posts will go out via Schoology for 10th graders to pick up their evaluation from their school counselor
- 11th graders – In April
 - Evaluations will be given via English class during a classroom lesson about the college application process
- 12th graders – In October and April
 - Evaluations will be given via English class during a classroom lesson about financial aid in October
 - Posts will go out via Schoology for 12th graders to pick up their evaluation from their school counselor in April

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. 25
11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Georgia International
Convention Center,
Atlanta, Georgia

CLEVELAND
SUNDAY, JAN. 25
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Huntington Convention Center of
Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio

PITTSBURGH
TUESDAY, JAN. 27
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
David L. Lawrence Convention
Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FEBRUARY VIRTUAL FAIR
SUNDAY, FEB. 1
1 p.m. - 6 p.m. ET

COLUMBUS
SATURDAY, FEB. 7
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Greater Columbus Convention
Center, Columbus, Ohio

GREATER LOS ANGELES*
TUESDAY, FEB. 10
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Pasadena Convention Center,
Pasadena, California

MIAMI
SUNDAY, MAR. 1
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Miami Airport Convention
Center at DoubleTree by Hilton,
Miami, Florida

NEW JERSEY*
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey Convention
and Exposition Center,
Edison, New Jersey

AUSTIN
THURSDAY, MAR. 5
6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Palmer Events Center,
Austin, Texas

MARCH VIRTUAL FAIR
SUNDAY, MAR. 15
1 p.m.- 6 p.m. ET

ROCHESTER
SUNDAY, MAR. 15
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
MONDAY, MAR. 16
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Joseph E. Floreano Rochester
Riverside Convention Center,
Rochester, New York

SPRINGFIELD
TUESDAY, MAR. 17
9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Eastern States Exposition
(The Big E)
West Springfield, Massachusetts

HARTFORD
TUESDAY, MAR. 17
5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Connecticut Convention Center,
Hartford, Connecticut

BUFFALO
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
THURSDAY, MAR. 19
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Buffalo Convention Center,
Buffalo, New York

CHARLOTTE
SATURDAY, MAR. 21
12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Charlotte Convention Center,
Charlotte, North Carolina

HOUSTON*
THURSDAY, APR. 2
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
NRG Park, Houston, Texas

APRIL VIRTUAL FAIR
SUNDAY, APR. 19
1 p.m.- 6 p.m. ET

NEW YORK CITY
SUNDAY, APR. 19
12 p.m.- 4 p.m. ET
Jacob K. Javits Convention Center
New York, New York

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
TUESDAY, APR. 21
9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APR. 22
9:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Adventist HealthCare Fieldhouse,
Boys, Maryland

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
FRIDAY, APR. 24
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Prince George's County Sports
and Learning Complex,
Landover, Maryland

BOSTON
MONDAY, APR. 27
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, APR. 28
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hynes Convention Center,
Boston, Massachusetts

PROVIDENCE
WEDNESDAY, APR. 29
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island

METRO DETROIT
THURSDAY, APR. 30
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Suburban Collection Showplace,
Novi, Michigan

DENVER STEM
SATURDAY, JUN. 6
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Golden, Colorado
Colorado School of Mines

* 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.

REGISTER TODAY | nacacnet.org/fairs

College Fairs/Visits

- March 11 – BHS College/Career Fair; during school day (open only to students, not parents)
- Information about schools who visit Beachside next school year will be posted here: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/post-secondary-visits/>

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

01

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

To Reduce
or not to
Reduce

Executive
Intern (CO-OP)

See
commitments
through – No
Schedule
Changes

Research
Colleges for
course
information

AICE, AP, and
DE courses

Take Academic
electives

Reduced schedule/ Executive Intern (CO- OP)?

Reduced – 12th 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 11th and 12th grade and will be allowed to leave campus early or come in late.

- 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.

What does “On Track” for Graduation Mean?

Passed Algebra 1
EOC or earned
concordant

Passed 10th grade
FAST or earned
concordant

2.0 or better
cumulative,
unweighted GPA

Is not behind in any
credits (doesn’t
need to complete
credit recovery)

Typical Senior Schedule – College or University

English (AP, AICE, or DE)

Math (AP, DE, or Honors)

Economics and Financial Literacy* (AP, DE, or Honors)

US Government and Contemporary History* (AP, DE, or Honors)

Science (if needed for major)

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

*AICE Diploma students are not required to take Economics, Government, or Financial Literacy but should still have three social sciences for university admission

Typical Senior Schedule – 2 Year College

English

Math

Economics and Financial Literacy

US Government and Contemporary History

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 Financial Literacy

US Government and Contemporary History

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



Things to keep in mind for competitive universities

- Students who apply to competitive universities take more than the minimum courses required. For example, at FSU, accepted students have the following average courses completed:
 - 4.5 English
 - 6 Math
 - 5 Natural Science
 - 5 Social Science
 - 3.5 World Language

Financial Literacy (Personal Finance and Money Management)

- New graduation requirement for the students in ninth grade entry year 2023-2024 and beyond
- Beachside will offer this $\frac{1}{2}$ credit personal finance course paired with another $\frac{1}{2}$ credit elective on our campus during the student's senior year (not a requirement for AICE diploma)
- If a student DOES NOT want this class on their senior year schedule, then they must complete the following steps:
 - Request the FLVS or SJVS course NOW. We will not approve a request made after February 1 because it will not give the student enough time to finish the course by March 13.
 - **Finish the course by March 13**
- This information has gone out many times to students via Schoology and to parents via ParentSquare starting in November

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 - Fall term dual enrollment registration begins
 - May – Students should fill out the Intent to take Dual Enrollment form after choosing their SJRSC classes
 - Mid-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 student's responsibility to check their SJRSC schedule to determine if they got in the course(s) they requested. Directions to check SJRSC schedule: <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2025/04/How-to-check-the-SJR-State-DE-schedule.pdf>
 - Students should request textbooks via SJCSD 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. Them 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, so they don't miss dual enrollment deadline in May



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 2026-2027 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 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 Technology and Management
- 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)
- Culinary Arts (Secondary Elective)
- Horticulture Science and Services (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

- 11th or 12th grade
- Good attendance and discipline record
- 2.0 unweighted cumulative GPA
- On track for graduation
- Room in schedule (most rising 11th 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 27, so we need the completed applications by the student's registration appointment
- FCTC Dual Enrollment application:
<https://fctc.edu/students/highschool/dual-enrollment/de/>
- FCTC Secondary Electives application:
<https://fctc.edu/students/highschool/dual-enrollment/secondary/>

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 in August



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



Classroom lesson on post-secondary application process in early September



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) in early October



Free Application Days to FSCJ and SJRSC in March

April 2026 – Classroom lesson with juniors: Receive Bright Futures evaluation sheet, review post-secondary options, post-secondary application process



Senior Year Website

- This is the one stop shop for all 'fun' senior year things. Grad Bash, Prom, Dues, Cap & Gown, Graduation Ceremony, etc.
- You are responsible for scheduling senior yearbook photos with Leonards over the summer.
- It will be updated for the Class of 2027 in August

THANK YOU!

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