

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

Summer before senior year

- Take senior portrait for yearbook with Leonard's - <https://www.leonards.com/seniors>
- Complete grade recovery via St Johns Virtual School for any D's or F's on transcript - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Complete any remaining volunteer or work hours for the Bright Futures scholarship - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
- Finish up visits to post-secondary schools
- Write down list of extracurricular activities, academic honors, community service, leadership roles, and achievements in preparation for college applications
- Review the CommonApp essay prompts - <https://www.commonapp.org/blog/announcing-2026-2027-common-app-essay-prompts>
- Review and make note of all published deadlines for university and college applications
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with an August due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for college admission, Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>

August

- Pay **mandatory** senior dues on SchoolPay - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Order cap & gown from Jostens - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Order yearbook - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Meet with counselor to go over remaining graduation requirements. Individual credit checks will be scheduled with all seniors - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>
- Check transcript for accuracy - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Final deadline to take senior portrait for yearbook at Leonard's - <https://www.leonards.com/seniors>
- University and CommonApp applications are open; college application process begins.
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for college admission, Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>
- Turn in all remaining volunteer or work hours for the Bright Futures scholarship - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
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September

- Attend college application help sessions with counselors - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>
- Sign up and pay for Grad Bash - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Attend student/parent information night hosted by the school counselors - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>
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October

- Complete university applications by published deadline
- Check quarter 1 grades in HAC - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Attend senior financial aid seminars hosted by school counselors - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/presentations-and-resources/>
- Complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Complete Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) - <https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/>
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- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a November due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

November

- Purchase, Design, and Submit Senior Ad for yearbook - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
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- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a December due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

December

- Take Florida Literacy Civic Exam if enrolled in US Government
- Send senior quote to yearbook - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Final deadline to turn in any work/service hours for Bright Futures scholarship in order to be considered for early evaluation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
- All online classes must be completed in order to be considered for class rank and honors designation

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- Turn in all acceptance letters (including vocational and military) as well as scholarship offers to the school counseling office
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a January due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

January

- Check HAC for updated transcript, GPA, and class rank - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Check transcript for accuracy - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a February due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>

February

- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a March due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

March

- Review any financial aid offers from colleges and universities. This will be found in students' university portal or email
- Cap & gown deliveries - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Complete application to either vocational or state schools. Attend FSCJ and/or SJRSC free application days on BHS campus
- Check quarter 3 grades in HAC - <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures, or concordant for high school graduation - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a April due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

April

- Buy Prom tickets - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Attend grad bash (if paid by deadline) - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>

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- Take Florida Literacy Civic Exam if enrolled in US Government - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Take English 4 final exam worth 10% of grade if enrolled in English 4 standard - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Pay post-secondary school admissions deposit by published deadline (if applicable)
- Pay post-secondary school housing deposit by published deadline (if applicable)
- Register for post-secondary school orientation (if applicable)
- Make sure Florida public post-secondary school has updated residency information
- Double check post-secondary school portal for any other deadlines for registration that may need to be met
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures – final deadline August 31 - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>
- Students should apply for any private scholarships with a May and summer due date - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/scholarships/>

May

- Take AP & AICE exams, if applicable. Any missed exams will result in charges added to senior debt list - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Pay off any debts owed to the St Johns County School District
- Complete any virtual courses by May 1 - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Log into both Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to make sure the college or university listed is the school the student will be attending after graduation
- Cover painted senior parking spot - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Senior week celebrations - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Attend **mandatory** graduation rehearsal - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Elementary school ‘clap out’ - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Baccalaureate - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Awards Ceremony - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Attend **mandatory** debt day/graduation ticket pick up day - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Final deadline to turn in any work/service hours for Bright Futures scholarship - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/community-service/>
- Graduation ceremony - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/seniors/>
- Request a final transcript via Parchment to be sent to the school student is attending after graduation- <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/transcript-requests/>
- Retake ACT, SAT, and/or CLT as needed for Bright Futures – final deadline August 31 - <https://www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/testing-information/>