

## *SENIOR Checklist WMHS Class of 2023*

Everything can be navigated through the website. You can scan the code in your English classes or in your counselor's office. There is no ceiling for all of you, let me help you get started on your College and Career Journey.

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[West Mesa College & Career Readiness Website](#)

[Mr. Hartom's YouTube Channel "How To's"](#)

**Google Classroom: v6myedi**

### **Seniors use your Google Classroom Through Your Alpha Counselor**

This will have so much information for you!!

This year you will be using your Google Classroom for updates.

There will be no more Remind!

#### *August*

- If you took the ACT or SAT or an AP Exam this past spring or summer, review scores and have Mr. Hartom help you interpret these. Make an appointment with Mr. Hartom about any questions you have! Try to take these tests at least two to three times along with the ACCUPLACER or ASVAB. [calendly.com/thartom](https://calendly.com/thartom)
- There are colleges and scholarships in the fall that require you to send your scores by a deadline in the fall. Research these so you know what you need in these applications to complete these. Some schools are "Test Optional" meaning you can send your transcript and apply as is! Check out my College Application "How To" Video, on how to apply to Schools!
- Something you will need to learn is your Social Security Number. This is required for your FAFSA as well as any college applications you will need to complete.
- If you are interested in Dual Credit please make an appointment with me before deadlines so we can get you situated with all of the things you need and what is required of you. July 27, 2022, CNM will be at Registration Support to help with any questions and help you apply!
- Start your applications, this includes regular college applications, Common App, Coalition App, Questbridge, Gates, etc...
- Utilize Parchment to send your transcripts to the colleges that you want to apply to or are thinking about going to, or let me know and I

can send on your behalf! This is on the homepage of the College & Career Website!

- Keep your grades in check! Senioritis is real!
- Check-in with your Alpha Counselor to see if you are on track to graduate.
- Organize yourself. Put reminders on scholarship applications and deadlines as well as deadlines for admissions for colleges, if you apply in the fall you are eligible for most of their scholarships before December (i.e UNM, NMSU, most of our in-state institutions).

### *September*

- Register for October or November ACT/SAT. I have fee waivers. West Mesa usually has an SAT Day in October! Seniors let me or Ms. Knowles know if you want to take it!
- Make a Pros/Cons List for Colleges and Narrow them Down.
- Sign-Up and Listen when Colleges reps come to West Mesa! Sign Up on the College and Career Website for Virtual Visits This Month!
- Go on visits to your colleges!
- Ask your teachers for letters of recommendation for your applications. There's a brag sheet on the College and Career Website. Give them time to write a nice letter for you! I will write one for you as well as long as you fill out the brag sheet!
- September 15, 2022- NMCAC College Fair @ West Mesa High School (11am-1pm) Courtyard

### *October*

- o October 1; FAFSA Application Opens ([www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov)) Use your 2021 taxes to complete application, Social Security #, Valid ID, & any untaxed income.
- o October 4, 2022- HACIA FAFSA Evening at West Mesa High School
- o NMSU Scholar Dollar\$ Application has opened.
- o Take ACT, if needed
- o Register for Nov/Dec ACT/SAT, if needed. I have fee waivers.
- o Check your Google Classroom or Counseling Website if Scholarships have updated.

### *November*

- o Keep seeing what is available for Financial Aid and Scholarships!
- o Keep visiting college campuses and filling out applications!
- o Finish UNM Regents & Presidential Scholarship Online by Dec. 1, 2022
- o Finish Admissions to UNM to be considered for Bridge and UNM Scholars Scholarship by Dec. 1, 2022
- o TBD- ASVAB Exam (8am-Noon) KIVA

### *December*

- o Take ACT/SAT if needed.
- o If there's a deadline for an admissions application or scholarship that requires a teacher or staff recommendation and it is due January 1<sup>st</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>, that information has to be submitted to that teacher or staff by December 1<sup>st</sup>
- o UNM's priority funding deadline is January 5th, 2023. If your completed FAFSA is on file at UNM, you may be considered for the maximum amount of aid. You can still apply after this date but funding may not be available.
- o College Visits and Scholarship Applications.

### *January*

- o Send Applications to any colleges you want to send them to if you have not passed their deadlines and send official transcripts, ACT/SAT Scores, etc...)
- o Keep Finishing Scholarship Applications
- o Check College Accounts (Common App, etc...) If you need to submit verification forms for financial aid, log in and see what is needed. You won't receive financial aid if you do not get all your documents that they need to them.
- o UNM Priority Deadline is January 2022 TBD
- o TBD CNM Admissions Event.
- o If you are not thinking about college, let's get you plugged into programs or find what your interests are and what you're good at and see if it requires college or not, or maybe you are thinking about taking a gap year. (You will still qualify for Bridge and Lottery Scholarships for 16 months as long as you are a NM Resident)

### *February*

- o FAFSA priority deadline for most colleges is March 1. Complete FAFSA and go to the site previously mentioned.
- o Keep Finishing Scholarship Applications.
- o Submit Housing Applications.
- o Keep track of deadlines for fees and paperwork and financial aid and scholarship deadlines.

### *March/April*

- o Cut your college choices down, costs, programs, services, scholarships, FAFSA, etc..
- o Keep completing scholarship applications
- o See what colleges accepted you with acceptance letters!
- o Financial Aid offers come mid-March through April.
- o CNM Priority Deadline is March 31, 2022 for Bridge Scholarship.

### *May/June/July*

- o It's time to choose your college!
- o Most colleges have a New Student Orientation you will have to do, register online!
- o Send out Final Transcripts after grades are done! I can help you with this!
- o Finalize Housing Arrangements!

### *Other Things to Keep in Mind*

- Maybe you are thinking about exploring other options other than college! That's incredible and just as important!
- Schedule an appointment with a military recruiter if that's what you are thinking about, we are doing the ASVAB this year, which is open to the first 40 students! All branches are available to help you! I will connect you with a military Rep!
- Maybe you are thinking about working full time before exploring other options! Mr. Hartom is always updating the job board in the hall and we are using Oppti to help you find many different opportunities whether it is an internship, apprenticeship, part-time job, help with resume and cover letter building, anything you are thinking about it. Please look at it! There are programs through New Mexico Career Solutions such as "Why I Work?" NM Career Pathways and Work Analyzers that will link you to a job and help you with skills associated with it and are able to connect that with school down the line!
- Maybe you are thinking about a trade! There are incredible apprenticeship opportunities in being an electrician, a plumber, etc...Ask Mr. Hartom!
- I'm here to help you start this journey! Whatever choice you make is going to be the right choice! Schedule an appointment with me! I am more than happy to help you!

Schedule Appointment w/Mr. Hartom

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