



# Counselors' Corner

Your Time is NOW!

**Welcome back Class of 2024!** After much anticipation your senior year is here. Please feel free to stop in or make an appointment with your school counselor to discuss any concerns you have. Fall of your senior year is the time to consider your post-secondary plans. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to visit some college campuses or speak with prospective employers.

**Career Fair** -This year's Career Fair will be held on Monday, November 6th in the HS gym during periods 6-8. All juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to visit with the employers and college representatives in attendance. So in the event your child has not had a chance to reach out to employers or colleges, here is a great opportunity to do so! Have your child take advantage of it!

**Financial Aid Night** - Cheryl Chafee from BGSU Firelands will be sharing information regarding the FAFSA, scholarships and other sources of financial aid on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in the high school library. The presentation begins at 6 PM.

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## Career & Workforce Development

Students have another great career resource available to them at BHS! Mrs. Amy Walters is our Career and Workforce Development Specialist. She can assist with questions concerning, but not limited to: job shadowing, career searches, internships, interviews, and the job application process. She will also be available to our students post-graduation for any career-related issue they may be facing. Mrs. Walters is available to see students during normal school hours. Appointments to see her can be made by visiting her classroom in Room 19, emailing her at [amy.walters@bellevueschools.org](mailto:amy.walters@bellevueschools.org) or texting her through Google Voice at (567)-228-0009.

## College Application Process and Visitation Programs

Once students narrow their college choices, they are encouraged to apply online. Hard copies of applications may be downloaded from the school's website if a student is not comfortable applying online. Regardless of how a student applies, a [release of records form](#) must be on file in the guidance office in order for an official transcript to be sent. **Students are encouraged to complete and submit applications prior to Winter Break** unless other deadlines apply.

Students interested in attending a 2-year or 4-year college or university are encouraged to visit the campuses. If possible, these visits should be scheduled to occur on a Saturday. However, if visits must be done on a school day, students should :

- Schedule an appointment with the admissions office and financial aid department
- Turn in written permission from a parent/guardian to the main office at least one day in advance
- Return a signed statement from an admissions representative to the HS main office upon return to BHS



## Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal

Is your student interested in earning the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness Seal, a formal designation on a student's diploma showing that he/she is prepared to contribute to the workplace and his/her community? Review the attachment for more information on requirements for earning the seal and the personal strengths and professional skills the OMJ Readiness Seal targets.

## College Testing Information

**ACT**— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
November 3, 2023	<b>December 9, 2023</b>
January 5, 2024	February 10, 2024
March 8, 2024	April 13, 2024
May 3, 2024	<b>June 8, 2024</b>
June 7, 2024	July 13, 2024

Register at: [www.actstudent.org/bts](http://www.actstudent.org/bts)

Test dates listed in red are administered at BHS.

**SAT**— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
October 5, 2023	November 4, 2023
November 2, 2023	December 2, 2023
February 23, 2024	March 9, 2024

Register at: [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com)

\*\*The SAT is not administered at BHS. More dates are available in 2024.



We encourage seniors to visit the Bellevue Schools webpage weekly to access :

- College/Career resources
- Current scholarship applications
- Employment/Training opportunities
- Extracurricular opportunities

Go to [www.bellevueschools.org](http://www.bellevueschools.org). Click Schools, Bellevue High School, Guidance Department, then Career and College Planning

**NCAA Eligibility Center/NAIA** -Any student wishing to play **Division I or II** athletics must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. **The application process can be completed by visiting <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>.** Please check out the website for further details about eligibility requirements.

**Note:** Students must send ACT scores directly from ACT to the NCAA Eligibility Center. This task can be completed through the student-created ACT account.

Students interested in collegiate athletics may also want to consider registering with the NAIA. **The registration can be completed at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org).**



## Senior Checklist

- \_\_\_ Review credits/Diploma with Honors eligibility with School Counselor
- \_\_\_ Register for October or December ACT/SAT
- \_\_\_ Complete College / Career / Military Search
  - \_\_\_ College Visits / Recruiter Meetings
  - \_\_\_ Letters of Recommendation
  - \_\_\_ Applications for Admission/Employment
  - \_\_\_ Edit Resume / Write Essays
  - \_\_\_ Prepare for College / Job Interview
  - \_\_\_ Financial Aid / FAFSA (After October 1)
  - \_\_\_ Scholarship Search (Be aware of deadlines)
  - \_\_\_ NCAA/NAIA Registration (Athletes)
  - \_\_\_ Job Shadowing Opportunities
  - \_\_\_ Request Final Transcripts  
(BHS and CCP/Dual Enrollment Schools)
- \_\_\_ Volunteer in Community
- \_\_\_ Register to Vote (when turned 18)
- \_\_\_ Register for Selective Service (males, 30 days before 18th birthday, @ [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))
- \_\_\_ Order Graduation Announcements /Sr. Pictures

**Important Sr. Picture Info:** Free headshots for the yearbook need to be taken by Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch. Lifetouch will be at BHS to take senior pictures on Friday, November 3rd, but seniors must sign up in advance. Seniors will also be sent emails to their BHS accounts throughout the year regarding all yearbook information, including reminders, Senior Sibling picture information, and baby pictures and messages. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Jennifer Mercer at [jennifer.mercer@bellevueschools.org](mailto:jennifer.mercer@bellevueschools.org)