

BBCHS

Counseling Department Senior Newsletter

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COUNSELING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

3/1	Late Arrival
3/5	Casimir Pulaski Day No School
3/6-3/9	REACH Week
3/9	Last Day of 3rd Quarter
3/16	Early Dismissal
3/17-3/24	Spring Break

April

4/6	No School
4/11	Early Dismissal
4/24-4/25	ACT Testing- No School for Seniors

Meeting Colleges' Deadlines

First step, make sure that the financial aid form, or FAFSA, has been done as February is financial aid month. Most colleges have March deadlines for financial aid and the award package they prepare may be essential in making the decision about which school to attend.

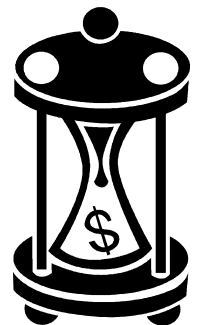
Once you decide where to go, make sure to properly notify the college before May 1st as this is most commonly the deadline set by most colleges. By this date you should confirm your intention to enroll and, if required, submit a deposit to only one college or university. The exception to this arises if you are put on a wait list by a school and are later admitted to that institution. You may accept the offer and send a deposit. However, you must immediately notify a college or university at which you previously indicated your intention to enroll.



Don't wait – make your plans for campus visits with potential colleges now.

KCC Foundation Scholarships Now Available

Kankakee Community College now has all of their scholarship information online at www.kcc.edu. On the homepage click on Foundation. Then, under students, select scholarships. On the scholarship page click on the booklet on the lower left side to see all of the scholarships available. Applications and instructions are all online and are due by May 2nd. If you are interested in the baccalaureate scholarship, that is a separate application. If you have any questions please call Rebecca Wilder at 815-802-8251.



2nd Semester Counts!

Did you know that a college who has already admitted you, can rescind your application due to grades for the second semester?

Any change in your current performance can alter admission decisions. Remember—all colleges will want a copy of your final transcript.





FAFSA

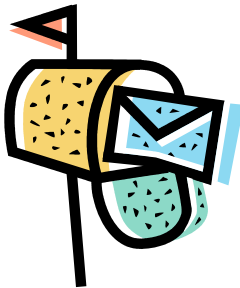
If you haven't completed your FAFSA yet, you need to do so immediately! Funds are quickly running out! Go to fafsa.ed.gov to complete your application. If you haven't filed your taxes yet, file the FAFSA with estimated information so that your student can have an opportunity for aid. Then go back and adjust your data once your taxes have been finalized. Students who apply too late will miss out, so make this a priority!

Scholarship Opportunities

There are still many local scholarships open for application. Your student can find this information posted outside of the counseling office, in the announcements, and through the counseling homepage on the BBCHS website. The applications must be in the counseling office by the deadline posted. Our department needs the time to process the application and provide any further documentation that is required from the school. Many of the local scholarships are to sent directly by the student. Make sure to pay attention to whether the date is a postmark or received by deadline.

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Senior Credit Letters Sent Home



You should have received a second semester credit letter for your senior. This document summarizes your student's progress in meeting graduation requirements for BBCHS. Listed are the number of credits earned thus far and the expected number at graduation if current classes are completed successfully. Also, if the student is currently enrolled in specific course needed for graduation, they are also noted in the letter. Please note that all students are required to successfully complete Physical Education in all semesters that they are enrolled unless they are opting out. If you have any questions, please contact your students' counselor.

Correspondence Courses

If your student should still need additional credit to meet graduation requirements, they should have spoken to their counselor regarding enrollment in the American School of Correspondence. These courses require a *minimum* of five weeks to complete. During the February to May timeframe American School is the busiest with exams taking up three weeks to grade. Our recommendation is that all exams are sent to American School by mid-April to ensure that a final transcript is received in time for graduation ceremonies on May 25th. If you should have any further questions regarding American School, please call your students' counselor.