

Guidance Notes and Timeline for Seniors

Class of 2019

August and September

- **Watch/Listen for Announcements on PA, TV, and the school website/Woodlan Daily News for important information.**
- Meet with Mrs. Nunley to check your credits and discuss post-secondary and career plans. **You must have the 40 required credits by the end of 2nd semester completed to participate in graduation.**
- Register for the **SAT** or **ACT** if you have not taken either one yet or are not happy with your scores from junior year. See guidance for information on registering. **If you receive free or reduced lunch you are eligible for a fee waiver.** You must get that from Mrs. Nunley before registering. You must register online at: www.sat.org/register for the SAT Reasoning test without essay (\$47.50) and the SAT Reasoning Test with essay (\$64.50). For the ACT test students must register at www.act.org for the ACT without writing (\$50.50) and the ACT with writing (\$67.00). Check with the college you are applying to for their policies on the SAT and ACT writing!

<i>SAT Test Date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
October 6.....	September 7
November 3.....	October 5
December 1	November 2
March 9.....	February 8
May 4	April 5
June 1	May 3

<i>ACT Test date</i>	<i>Registration Deadline</i>
October 27	September 28
December 8	November 2
February 9.....	January 11
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3
July 13.....	June 14

School Code: SAT/ACT is 153882

*****Must include the school code on your registration for Woodlan to receive scores so they appear on your transcript!!**

College entrance exam scores are a critical part of the college admission process. However, **IVY TECH and other technical colleges** usually do NOT require the SAT or ACT.

- Visit the Woodlan Guidance office, check TV announcements, listen to PA announcements and check the school website/Woodlan Daily

- News for important college and future planning information, including scholarships.
- Listen to announcements, see TV announcements and check the school website/Woodlan Daily News for colleges and the military branches that will be visiting Woodlan High School. This year colleges will be visiting during SUCCESS and the military will visit during lunches.
- Register on Parchment to have your transcript sent to the colleges in which you are going to apply – www.parchment.com. **Many colleges will only accept transcripts sent through parchment.** Narrow down the list of schools to which you will apply. Apply on-line to those schools or request a paper application. **If you need a transcript for an application, you must request the transcript through Parchment.**
- Start a resume of a list of school activities, community service activities, work experience and internship/externship experiences. You will need this to complete scholarship applications and to give to someone who will write a letter of recommendation for you. If you do not have many things to list, you still have time to get involved with some group or activity.
- Check the “Scholarship Wall” outside of guidance, www.schoolsoup.com, www.zinch.com, register for Fastweb at www.fastweb.com and college financial aid web pages. The scholarship listing is also posted on the school website and hard copies of the list are available in Guidance.
- If you are planning to play Division 1 or 2 NCAA sports, apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org. See Mrs. Nunley or your coach if you have questions. Include the NCAA Clearinghouse as one of your schools to send your SAT and ACT scores to. Use the code 9999.
- Start thinking about your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This form must be completed for you to receive any type of financial aid including scholarships, student loans, and grants. You will need your parents 2017 tax information to complete this form online. The application opens online on October 1, 2018 and must be completed by March 1, 2019 to receive state aid. The FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov. **REMINDER: THIS IS A FREE FORM! IF YOU ARE**

BEING ASKED TO PAY MONEY TO FILE THIS FORM, YOU ARE NOT ON THE CORRECT WEBSITE!

- **Order your cap, gown and graduation announcements!!! An Informational Meeting will be held on September 27 during SUCCESS. Order Day will be on October 4 during lunches.**

October

- Make plans to visit the college campuses on your list or to shadow someone in a career that you are interested in pursuing. Policy is printed in the student handbook, pg. 20.
- Use the internet to continue to research colleges and narrow your college choices. Great websites include:
www.learnmoreindiana.org;
www.collegeboard.com;
www.schoolsoup.com;
www.petersons.com;
www.bls.gov/oco/
- Work on completing applications and submitting them by November 1st if you have your SAT or ACT scores.
- If you have not taken the SAT or ACT, refer to dates and deadlines listed above. **DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!** Check with Mrs. Nunley if your school of choice requires the SAT or ACT test.
- Continue to stop by the guidance office or check the school website for the latest scholarship listing. **It is your responsibility to apply for scholarships and plan financially to pay for college.**
- **Order your cap, gown and graduation announcements!!! An Informational Meeting will be held on September 27 during SUCCESS. Order Day will be on October 4 during lunches.**
- The FAFSA application opens online on October 1, 2018 (www.fafsa.ed.gov).

November

- **Complete college applications!!**
- Continue to check the scholarship listing in the Guidance Office and on the school website.
- If you have not done so, schedule a college visit or job shadow.
- Continue to work on your FAFSA if you have not completed it.

December

- **Scholarships, scholarships, scholarships.** Work on your resume so that you can complete as many as you can over Christmas vacation.

Check out the Community Foundation of Fort Wayne, www.cfgfw.org for the list of local scholarships that you might be eligible for. A complete list and application will be available soon.

- December graduates should make sure that they have the necessary credits for graduation and will need to meet with Mrs. Nunley to complete a senior exit survey.

January

- Continue to work on your FAFSA form online. It must be received by **March 1, 2019**. Without submitting this form, you will not be eligible for state or federal grant money or loans (including your 21st Century Scholars Scholarship). You must file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **Keep a copy for your records.**
- Continue to check for scholarships.

February

- Complete your FAFSA if you have not finished it. Remember that you and a parent must have a pin number to sign electronically. It must be submitted by **March 1, 2019**. **Keep a copy for your records.**
- Continue to check for scholarships.
- Colleges should be sending you letters of acceptance.

March

- Submit your FAFSA if you have not done so by **March 1, 2019**.
- Local scholarships will be due. Listen to announcements and check in the Guidance Office and the school website for due dates.
- Mrs. Nunley will meet with students in AP courses to sign up for the exams in May.
- Continue to determine future plans. Notify colleges that you are NOT going to attend.

April

- Make your final college choice by April 30. Make colleges aware of your choice.
- Send thank you letters to anyone who wrote you recommendation letters and helped you along the way.

May

- AP exams will be given during the first two weeks of May. A schedule will be given to you.
- **Relax!!!** Enjoy your last month of school but keep your grades up.