



# BFA Guidance

## Senior Monthly Calendar

### September

- ☐ Start strong academically: the website below has good ideas:
  - ☐ <https://childmind.org/article/tips-for-getting-a-good-start-in-high-school/>
- ☐ **Attend Senior Planning Meeting with your School Counselor during Enrichment**
- ☐ Research Colleges and finalize college list
- ☐ Consider carefully your responsibilities if applying for **Early Decision or Early Action**
- ☐ Begin organizing for each college on your list: List attached
- ☐ Begin drafts of essays
- ☐ Plan College Visits or Virtual Open Houses or consider Job Shadows

### October

- ☐ Register for AP tests by **11/1**
- ☐ Prepare to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by requesting FSA ID PIN @FAFSA.ED.GOV.
- ☐ Review transcript and plans with counselor
- ☐ Review for SAT
- ☐ SAT is at BFA 10/07/23
- ☐ Register for November 4th SAT test by 10/05
- ☐ College Application Event in Library, **10/18**, during Enrichment
- ☐ Work on college essays
- ☐ File CSS Profile for financial aid if required
- ☐ Plan college visits
- ☐ Complete Student & Parent Recommendation forms for your counselor (Not just for college!)
- ☐ Ask teachers for recommendations following school procedures
- ☐ If you apply for Early Decision, know your deadlines and KNOW your commitment!

### November

- ☐ UVM (and many other colleges) **Early Action deadline – 11/01(Free to Vermont Applicants this date only.**
- ☐ SAT at BFA on 11/04, register by 10/05
- ☐ Submit Early Decision/Early Action applications
- ☐ Review VSAC scholarships
- ☐ Meet with Mr. Murray to plan your community service needed to graduate.

## December

- ☐ Go over Common App with counselor, teacher or parent
- ☐ Check application deadlines
- ☐ Fill out FAFSA - opens December 2023
- ☐ Start to develop a list of possible employment opportunities
- ☐ Schedule a job shadow opportunity with [Liam Mahabir](#) @ [lmahabir@maplerun.org](mailto:lmahabir@maplerun.org)
- ☐ Attend VSAC Financial Aid workshop

## January

- ☐ File VSAC grant and any other appropriate financial aid forms
- ☐ Finish Common App
- ☐ Instant Decision Day with VT State Colleges in Guidance
- ☐ Schedule a job shadow opportunity with [Liam Mahabir](#) @ [lmahabir@maplerun.org](mailto:lmahabir@maplerun.org)

## February

- ☐ Apply for outside/private scholarships
- ☐ VSAC Scholarship Deadline is February 15, 2023
- ☐ Local Scholarship applications available in the Guidance Office
- ☐ Scholarship Event - More information to come!

## March

- ☐ Continue to explore colleges as thoroughly as possible
- ☐ Finalize your resume
- ☐ **All local scholarships must be turned in to Guidance by April 1st– NO LATE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED**
- ☐ Complete Community Service

## April

- ☐ Review your college responses and aid offers with parents and counselors
- ☐ Notify the colleges you will not attend
- ☐ Make final college decision and send tuition deposit by May 1
- ☐ Complete Community service
- ☐ Attend Career Fair

## May

- ☐ Take AP exams
- ☐ Follow up with colleges regarding next steps in financial aid process
- ☐ Visit the McClure Foundation website to learn about career opportunities and funding for Vermont students:
  - ☐ McClure Foundation: <https://mcclurevt.org/most-promising-jobs/>

## June

- ☐ Graduation
- ☐ Have a great summer!

**GOOD LUCK!**