



Bridgeport High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians of BHS Class of 2025,

Congratulations, you have a BHS Senior!! Your student's senior year of high school is filled with many memories.

It is also the time for students to think about their future after high school. They have been presented with options such as College, Trades, Military, and Workforce Readiness. I have been and will be their resource for all of those possible choices, and I am always here for support if they have questions. My contact information is provided below.

College bound students- Please see the following checklist:

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - This application is Crucial for ALL financial aid at ALL colleges and for many grants and scholarships. We will have FAFSA night on **January 8th, 2025 from 6:00PM-7:30 PM in the Media Center/Library at Bridgeport HS.** I have a representative from Michigan Student Aid to assist you in the process. **You will need to bring your SSN and have access to your 2022 and 2023 tax information!** The FAFSA can provide thousands of dollars in FREE money for college for your students, if completed. The state is now offering the Michigan Achievement Scholarship up to 30,000 for Michigan Colleges. The application for FAFSA is Now Open with a new platform. It has new questions and navigating looks a little different. We are here for you!! **(FYI: Most students completed FSA ID's on 11/31.) There will be refreshments provided.**

SAT Testing- Your student can take the SAT twice in spring 2025. Their score does help them when applying for college and scholarships. They need to see me for a fee waiver so they do not pay the \$55.00 fee. They can sign up online at www.collegeboard.com (they should already have a log-in as we do the test as a school) Here are some dates if interested:

- **March 8, 2024 registration deadline February 21, 2025**
- **May 3, 2024 registration deadline April 18, 2025**

Scholarship Applications- Your senior's best chance of scholarships (academic) is through the school they choose. Saginaw Valley State University for example gives academic scholarships for students that have 3.0 or better (up to \$6500 if they have a 4.0). Your senior can apply for over 500 scholarships with Saginaw Community Foundation (this application is currently open until

February 9, 2025). We have had several students already collectively eligible to receive scholarships of up to 100,000 this year. That is FREE MONEY!! Please encourage your student to apply to as many scholarships as possible. Deadline for SCF (Saginaw Community Foundation) Scholarship is February 9th. saginawfoundation.org . There are also many other scholarships available online at www.scholarships.com. I encourage your student to apply for everything, especially small scholarships. I have additional scholarship available for them in the media center/library.

Attendance and Effort- It is very important that your senior shows up to school, preferably on time and puts the maximum effort into their senior year, This will give the best opportunity for a successful last year as a high school student.

College Visits- Your student should be exploring colleges they are interested in and narrowing it down to 2 or 3 colleges. If possible, please visit one or two this spring. We will have had multiple tours visiting MSU, Grand Valley, SVSU, Ferris, CMU, and Delta College just to name a few. We have also had on-site admissions this year with CMU, Delta, and SVSU.

For Students NOT considering college:

Military- There has been and will be many military visits during lunch from all branches. If your student is interested in serving this is a great option.

Trades- I have been in contact with Dow Chemical, Hemlock Semi-Conductor, CNA School, Medial Assisting School, HVAC and many others offering Co-op and Trade programs to our students. Have your student contact me to get them resources to get them started on this journey.

Workforce- There is a number of company's currently looking for student's right out high school. If they choose this route they can see me about the opportunities available to them at this time.

I am excited for your student, and I hope they are excited for their future!

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