

SENIOR YEAR



What do I need to
know from Guidance?





4 Main Areas

- After **SHS** – college, trade school, military, work
- Transcripts
- Scholarships
- FAFSA



College, Trade School, Apprenticeships

- Check the **announcements** on the Sherando website for visitation by post secondary school and military representatives.
- Check **deadline dates** NOW and be sure to meet them.
- Request **transcripts** in the appropriate timeline so we can guarantee your transcript will reach the college before the due date.
- Turn in paper copies of the **Secondary School Report/Counselor Report** to Mrs. White when requesting transcripts
- See Mrs. White in guidance with any transcript questions.



TRANSCRIPTS

How do I get a transcript sent?

www.parchment.com

- a. Register
- b. Choose recipient
- c. Send request 15 school days prior to the application deadline.





Letters of Recommendation

- Request letters of recommendations from teachers and counselors **early**. You should give the person 2 weeks or more to write the letter of recommendation.
- Most recommendations will be electronic through your college application and will require your recommenders' email address.
- If a letter needs to be sent by Sherando, be sure to get it to Mrs. White when you request a transcript.

Tests

- SAT or ACT – needed for all 4 year institutions. Get dates from your School Counselor, on collegeboard.org, or actstudent.org.
- Placement Tests – required by some 2 year schools, 4 year schools, trade school and apprenticeship programs. Check with the school or program you are interested in attending.
- ASVAB for the military.
- Tests for employment.





Work

- Learn how to develop and begin to develop a professional resumé.
- Begin to create a list of references. Make sure to get permission from the person.
- Use resources:
 - [Careercruising](#)
 - [Want ads](#)
 - [Virginia Employment Commission](#) (VEC)
 - [Virginia Workforce Commission](#)
 - [Personal Contacts](#)
- Investigate certification or licensure programs to make you more employable
 - [LFCC Workforce Solutions](#)





SCHOLARSHIPS



- Many scholarships will be posted on the **Guidance website** in the coming weeks.
- Listen to **announcements** and/or read them on the Sherando website for scholarship information.
- Search on your own ie. google.com, careercruising.com, fastweb.com, collegeboard.com, tuitionfundingsources.com
- Pay attention to **deadlines**.



■ **Local Scholarship Form**

- Get the forms from the Guidance office or on the Sherando website after January 1.
- Turn the form back into Mrs. Butler in Guidance by the deadline.
- Attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) if you want to be considered for need-based scholarships.

FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid


■ Why ??

You may qualify for grants (money you don't have to pay back), low interest loans, work-study programs

■ When ??

Apply after October 1, 2016

at www.fafsa.ed.gov



The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage. At the top, it says "START HERE GO FURTHER FEDERAL STUDENT AID" and "FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid". Below this is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Student Aid on the Web, PIN Site, Contact Us, and Browse Help. There is also a search bar and language options for English and Español. The main banner features a collage of diverse students and the text "Get help paying for college" and "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)". A prominent "Start Here" button is visible. Below the banner, there are sections for "Deadlines", "School Code Search", "FAFSA Filing Options", "Announcements", and "Thinking About College?". The footer contains copyright information and links for FOIA, Privacy, Security, Notices, and WhiteHouse.gov | USA.gov | ED.gov.



Our Career Coach



Mr. Bucher is available in the guidance office
Tuesday-Friday 7:30-2:30.

- Dual enrollment
- career planning
- career assessments
- college pathways
- employment opportunities