



# BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Helping Students Build Success Stories

## High School Counseling News MAY & JUNE 2024

### FAFSA UPDATE:

By now, you have likely heard about the updates to the FAFSA process for the 2024 cycle. We understand that these updates have caused some confusion and frustration, but it will benefit you in the long run and we highly encourage you apply. Below are some helpful resources to check out if you have been experiencing difficulty with the FAFSA application process.

[Better FAFSA Corrections and Completion Guidance:](#)

[Students](#)

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[Parents](#)

[FAFSA Fast News](#)

### NCAA ELIGIBILITY:

Are you a student athlete interested in playing at the collegiate level? If so, the counseling team highly encourages you join this webinar hosted by NCAA. This presentation is focused on the information college-bound student-athletes and their families need to understand about the Eligibility Center's initial-eligibility standards. Every registrant will receive a recording of the webinar and a PDF of the presentation in the days following the webinar.

[Click here to register!](#)

**Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30PM**

### SAT RETAKES:

Juniors interested in SAT retakes, please follow [this link](#) for instructions and more information.

### UPCOMING

#### DATES:

- 5/6  
AP Government & AP Chemistry Exams
- 5/7  
AP Microeconomics & AP Statistics Exams
- 5/8  
AP English Literature Exam
- 5/9  
AP Psychology Exam
- 5/10  
AP US History & AP Macroeconomics Exam
- 5/13  
AP Calculus AB & BC Exam
- 5/14  
AP English Language & AP Physics C Exams
- 5/15  
AP Computer Science Principles Exam
- 5/16  
AP Spanish & AP Biology Exam
- 5/17  
AP German Exam  
Seniors Last Day of High School!
- 5/22  
Senior Academic Awards Night @ 7:00pm
- 5/30  
Graduation Ceremony @ 7:00pm
- 6/5  
1st & 2nd Hour Exams
- 6/6  
3rd & 4th Hour Exams  
1/2 Day of School
- 6/7  
5th & 6th Hour Exams  
1/2 Day of School  
Last Day of '23-'24 School Year!

## KCTC:

Students that applied to KCTC will receive a letter in the mail directly from KCTC in late May regarding admission.

Any changes that need to be made to schedules for KCTC students will be made after that. If you have any questions, please email your counselor.

## NEXT STEPS:

- Seniors, for guidance on next steps after graduation, please review the attached flyer to ensure you complete all necessary tasks!
- Also, please complete [this](#) senior survey for the counseling office.

## COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING:

Calling all junior and senior students... Here you will find helpful resources and tools that can assist and guide you as you plan for your next steps after high school! Our goal at BCHS is that every student has a plan for after high school - that plan will look different for each of you! Some students will enlist in the military, some will attend a 2-4 year university, some will learn a trade. Whatever your path looks like, we want to ensure that you are set up for success and have the resources you need to do so.

[Junior Interview Follow Up](#)

[Junior Year Timeline](#) (Class of 2025)

[Senior Year Timeline](#) (Class of 2024)

[Financial Aid Questions You Need to Ask](#)

[Financial Aid Letter](#)

[How to Request a Transcript](#)

(Seniors: please follow the instructions sent to you in an email directly from Parchment. Juniors and Sophomores: You will receive this email in the fall of your senior year. Please do not create an account without this information.)

[Senior Scholarship Spreadsheet](#)

[Prospective College Athletes](#)

[College Admissions Essay Workshop](#)

For additional information and resources, please visit our website [linked here!](#)

## Emergency Mental Health Resources

Suicide hotline: 9-8-8 (free, anonymous, available 24/7)

Trevor Project 1-866-488-7386 (call, text or online chat)

Network 180- (616) 336-3765 The Access Center remains open 24/7

Text "nice" to 741741

[Mental Health Resource Guide](#)

# YOU'VE DECIDED! NOW WHAT?

**The month of May is when we celebrate the postsecondary decisions our seniors are making. But before we can celebrate and relax for the summer, there are a lot of steps that must be completed to get enrolled for the fall. Check out some steps below!**

This process can seem exciting while also scary and overwhelming. Don't forget that you have help. If you have questions about this process make sure to reach out to your college, ask your college adviser or send us an email at [collegequestions@capcan.org](mailto:collegequestions@capcan.org).

## ACCEPT YOUR FINANCIAL AWARD

After you submit the FAFSA, you should get a notification from the financial aid office (make sure to watch your email and the student portals) that lays out what grants, scholarships, loans, etc. that you are eligible for from the college. Make sure to log in and accept what aid you would like to receive.

## KEEP APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Check out the college website to see if they offer additional scholarships you can apply for. Also talk with your school counselor to see if there are scholarships available from your high school. Follow CapCAN's social media for regular scholarship deadlines.

## SIGN UP FOR ORIENTATION

Whether this is an online orientation or one where you attend in person, orientation is a crucial part of this process. This is where you will learn how to sign up for classes, meet your academic advisors, and learn more about the college. Make sure to sign up for a date that works best for you.

## PAY YOUR DEPOSIT

If your college requires a deposit fee to hold your spot, make sure to get this in on time. If there is a financial hardship that prevents you from doing so, please contact the school and see if there is another way to hold your spot.

## SCHEDULE YOUR CLASSES

Make sure to work with an academic advisor to sign up for courses that make sense for your major and set you up for success during your first year!

## SIGN UP FOR HOUSING

If you are living on campus, make sure to sign up for housing. Each school has their own process and their own ways of selecting a roommate/s, so follow up with the housing office if you have any questions.

## PLACEMENT EXAMS

If you need to take a placement exam to put you in the appropriate math, writing, or language class, make sure to take this before scheduling classes. If you are going to a school that allows you to submit your test scores or transcripts instead of taking a placement exam, make sure that these get to the correct place.

## CELEBRATE!

**You did it! Take some time this summer to relax and get excited about your next big steps!**