

Booker High Class of 2016 Senior Information



1. SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN!

2. Make an appointment with your **counselor** for your senior check. Our goal is that all of our students will graduate college or career ready and become productive members of our society.

Make sure you are on track with the **graduation requirements** and that you have a **minimum 2.0 grade point average**. Specific requirements can be found by visiting:

<http://sarasotacountyschools.net/students.aspx> and clicking on the link to the Pathways Guidance Handbook. Online options are available at www.gosva.com or www.FLVS.net if you need to complete additional credits or repeat a course for grade forgiveness.

3. Remember these **Strategies for Success**:

- Maintain good study habits and attendance.
- Participate in school and community activities.
- Take advantage of resources in guidance and the College Resource Room.
- Start saving money for senior class activities.

4. University Bound:

- Research colleges to see which programs are offered and plan visits to check out the campus.
- Make sure your courses meet the requirements for the colleges where you plan to apply and for Bright Futures.
- Apply **EARLY**, by the end of November. Most applications are available on-line.
- Fill out a transcript request form in guidance to have your transcripts sent.
- Complete a senior survey and a resume if you will need teacher or counselor recommendations and make sure to plan ahead..
- Sign up to take the **SAT and/or ACT** as soon as possible. Be sure to meet with Mr. Bobby and practice before you sign up to take the test
- Register on line at Collegeboard.com or ACT.org. Check the registration deadlines. There are fee waivers available in guidance for students on free or reduced lunch.

SAT Dates

- *October 3, 2015
- *November 7, 2015
- December 5, 2015
- *January 23, 2016
- March 5, 2016
- *May 7, 2016
- June 4, 2016

ACT Dates

- *September 12, 2015
- *October 24, 2015
- *December 12, 2016
- *February 6, 2016
- *April 9, 2016
- *June 11, 2016

*Test given at Booker High School

Make sure to sign up EARLY – registration deadlines are about 5 weeks prior to the test.

5. Community College or Vocational/Technical School

- A representative from Suncoast Technical College is available in the College Room every Monday during lunch to talk to you about Career in a Year.

6. Meet with **Mr. Lem Andrews, the Post-Secondary Advisor.**
 The College Resource Room is brimming with college brochures, catalogs and information to help you plan your education after high school and help you earn scholarships
- Check the board inside the Resource Room for the schedule of the college recruiters.
 - Determine what it takes to gain admission to the colleges of your choice.
 - Sign up on www.fastweb.com and search the scholarship files in the resource room, also available by visiting <http://sarasotacountyschools.net/students.aspx> and clicking on College Financial Aid Scholarships.
 - Build your portfolio for college applications and scholarships.
7. **Bright Futures Scholarship Programs:**
- Academic Scholar, Medallion Scholar, and Gold Seal.
- Your **academic** grade point average of 3.0 or higher and a test score on SAT, ACT can help pay tuition at a Florida college or vocational school. Seniors apply on-line after December 1st. A minimum of 75 Community Service hours are required.
8. Check out www.floridashines.org/, Florida's Guidance & Counseling website for your academic GPA for college and Bright Futures. This also links to programs in Florida colleges and technical schools.
9. **Community Service:**
- All community service for credit or for the Bright Futures Scholarship must be pre-approved and documented by visiting <http://sarasotacountyschools.net/students.aspx> and clicking on High School Community Service .
 - You can earn .50 elective credit for 75 hours or up to one full elective credit for 150 hours.
10. **Save your money and budget!** See below for approximate Costs to consider during your senior year:
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| Cap/gown \$50.00 | Senior Dues \$25.00 |
| Grad Bash \$125.00 | Prom ticket \$55.00-\$65.00 |
| Yearbook \$60.00 | |
11. **Senior Pictures:** If you haven't taken yours, the second round of senior pictures will be on Sept 23rd and 24th starting at 8:00 and ending at 5:00. If you want to make an appointment please see Ms. Gumm in Room 4-215. The session fee is \$20.00 and must be paid on the day of the appointment.
12. **Upcoming Dates to Consider:**
- October 7th – College Night at Robarts Arena from 6-8pm
 - January 12th – Financial Aid Night in the BHS Theatre from 6-8pm
 - April 23rd – Grad Bash at Universal of Orlando (optional event for Seniors Only)
 - May 21st – Prom
 - May 10th – Senior Awards Night in the BHS Theatre at 6:30 pm
 - June 4th – Graduation
13. **Important Contacts:**
- Senior Class Sponsor:
 - Senior Guidance Counselor: Millie Wheeler
 - Guidance Secretary: Denise Henkel
 - Transcripts/Registrar: Sue Viera
 - College/Scholarship Resource Specialist: Lem Andrews
 - **Remind.com – Text @05d44 to the number 81010 to receive important Senior Announcements**