

SMHS Senior Year Timeline (2019-20)

August/September

- Register to retake the ACT/SAT as needed (HOPE Scholarship: minimum score 21 or 3.0 GPA, Honors recognition, University scholarships, Meet college benchmarks)
- SIGN UP FOR BAND** to receive all important senior information.
- Review college application process and begin completing college applications online (**KNOW YOUR DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS**)
- Make plans to attend a college fair (TTU College Fair is **September 3**).
Permission slips due **August 26**
- Attend senior **financial aid night** at SMHS on **September 24 at 5pm**
- Cap and Gown Order Date: September 24** during **lunch** and from **3:00 pm — 5:00 pm**
- Begin asking teachers, counselors, employers, and coaches for letters of recommendation
- Begin researching and completing scholarship applications, and college admissions essays (seek help from English teachers). **Keep all usernames/passwords. CHECK EMAIL ACCOUNTS REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIS IS HOW COLLEGES COMMUNICATE ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.**

October

- Work on college admission application essays.
- Visit your top school choices — interview some students, faculty, and staff.
- Complete college applications** — many deadlines begin November 1st.
- Request your counselor recommendation letter at least **two weeks** prior to your deadline.
- Submit financial aid forms and separate college forms if required — Complete **FAFSA** as soon as possible after **October 1st**. (Keep copies of your paperwork! Parents must be involved; they have a section to complete.)
- Seniors** will take the **ACT** during school **at no charge on October 15**.
- First **mandatory** meeting for TN Promise is **October 22nd at 9:30 am** in the auditorium. This meeting is for students only. Keep up with your handbook, it has invaluable information that will make your life easier!
- FAFSA Help Day October 24, 11:00 am — 7:00 pm**

November/December

- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at www.TNPromise.gov by **November 1st**.
- On **November 2nd**, you may begin the **8 hours of Community Service** for the **TN Promise. Deadline July 1st**.
- Continue working on the scholarship applications — fill out as many as possible. Listen to announcements, watch **BAND** messages, check out websites, and search the scholarship table.
- Prepare for final exams.
- December graduates** need to take care of **ALL** “end of year” obligations prior to Winter Break.

January

- Parents:** It is helpful to get your income tax returns prepared early. Some students may be selected for financial verification.

February

- Don't let your grades slip! College admissions and scholarships are conditional based on successful progress in your entire senior year!

March

- Tennessee Scholar** forms are due in the Counseling Office.
- Attend second **mandatory** meeting for **TN Promise** on **March 31st**.

April/May

- Complete **8 hours** of community service for **TN Promise** Program **before July 1st**.
- Final acceptance to college. Make your decision by **May 1st**.
- REMINDER:** All fees must be paid in full prior to participation in the graduation ceremony and to have any transcripts sent.
- NO FINAL TRANSCRIPT WILL BE SENT UNLESS YOU FILL OUT A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE OR FILL OUT THE FORM ONLINE.** We do not know your final college choice unless you tell us.