

12th Grade/Senior Year-Class of 2019

Fall

- **Start planning and preparing now.** Most college and scholarship applications should be done before winter break.
- **Meet with college representatives who visit RHS.** See list posted in the Counseling Center for scheduled college reps. They will be available during lunch time on the scheduled day.
- **Schedule college visits with admissions offices and make appointments with financial aid offices.** Fall Break (October 15-19, 2018) is an excellent time to make college visits.
- **Access your grades.** If your grades have suffered recently, work hard to bring them up. If you have had a semester or two of poor grades, write a note to college to include in your application explaining why and what you learned from your mistakes. Check grades often on Powerschool.
- **Ask teachers, coaches and other adults to write recommendation letters for you to use with college and scholarship applications.** Give them at least two weeks notice.
- **Narrow your list of colleges.** Apply to at least 3 to 5.
- **Complete your college applications online or on applications available from your counselor.** Ask a teacher or parent to proofread your applications and essays. Check each application deadline carefully. **GIVE TO COUNSELOR AT LEAST 3 WEEKS BEFORE DEADLINE.** Some colleges will waive application fees if you apply online. Application fees are waived to Indiana colleges if you are a 21st Century Scholar.
- **If applications are done online, request your counselor send transcripts to college.**
- **Sign up for transcripts through parchment on the RHS website.**
- **November 1 is a priority deadline for some state college programs and scholarships.** Please check deadlines carefully.
- **Apply for scholarship information early and often.** Listen to announcements, check with counselor, check Canvas or check free online scholarship searches such as www.fastweb.com, www.learnmoreindiana.org, www.collegeboard.org. Also, check the Counseling Center website at www.rcs.k12.in.us/schools/richmond-high-school/counselingscholarships for the latest scholarship information. More websites are listed on the back page.
- **If you have not already done so, sign up for the SAT and or ACT** (See registration deadline dates on the next page). Registration materials are available online at www.sat.org/register (SAT) or www.actstudent.org (ACT). Cost of the SAT is \$64.50 with essay and \$47.50 without essay. The cost of the ACT is \$67.00 with writing and \$50.50 without writing. Fee waivers are available if you are on Free/Reduced lunches and/or 21st Century Scholar. Please see your counselor for dates of registration help sessions.

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SAT

Test Date

**October 6, 2018
November 3, 2018
December 1, 2018
March 9, 2019
May 4, 2019
June 1, 2019**

Registration Deadline

**September 7, 2018
October 5, 2018
November 2, 2018
February 8, 2019
April 5, 2019
May 3, 2019**

ACT

Test Date

**September 8, 2018
October 27, 2018
December 8, 2018
February 9, 2019
April 13, 2019
June 8, 2019
July 13, 2019**

Registration Deadline

**August 10, 2018
September 28, 2018
November 2, 2018
January 11, 2019
March 8, 2019
May 3, 2019
June 14, 2019**

SAT School Day (October 10, 2018)-SAT School Day allows seniors to take the SAT test used for college admission during the school day at RHS, rather than at a Saturday test center. The test format, length, scores, and reporting are the same as at a traditional SAT test site. The test fee is \$47.50. Students eligible for free/reduced text books pay \$8. The deadline to sign up and pay money is September 11, 2018.

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Winter

- Apply for local scholarships through Honors & Awards. Application process begins in February, 2019. Applications will be available from Mrs. Porter.
- If you are planning to attend IU East, Earlham, Ivy Tech or Purdue Richmond be sure to complete the Richmond High School Alumni Association RCIP (Richmond College Incentive Plan) Scholarship application. You could possibly be eligible for scholarship money through the RHS Alumni Association. Applications are available through your counselor.
- Go to College Goal Sunday on October 28, 2018 2pm-4pm, Richmond High School for help with your FAFSA.
- Submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15 receipt-date deadline. Must be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Check with your college. Some colleges require March 1st deadline.
- FAFSA Days- October 28, 2018 (College Goal Sunday) 2pm-4pm, February 13, 2019 10am-6pm and April 5, 2019 10am-2pm (all events at RHS)
- Enjoy your senior year of high school but stay on track with homework and grades. Colleges will check your 1st and 2nd semester grades—so now is not the time to slack off.
- Finish 21st Century Scholars paperwork and Scholar Track activities, if applicable. Complete the FAFSA by April 15 receipt-date deadline. 21st Century Scholars must have a 2.5 gpa and complete FAFSA to receive scholarship.

Spring

- Read any regular mail or e-mail messages concerning your FAFSA. You may be asked to make a correction to your FAFSA or to submit additional information.
- Once you have been accepted to college make plans for the next steps. Make sure you keep your grades and attendance up.
- Review financial aid offers. If you don't understand the letter sent to you from the college, call and ask its financial aid office for help.
- Decide on your final college choice by May 1. (Some schools have earlier deadline.) Notify the other colleges that you won't be coming. Send in your housing application and any required deposits, paying careful attention to deadlines.

Other

- Register for NCAA Clearinghouse (ncaaclearinghouse.net) for Div 1 or 2
- Homework Hotline 1-887-ASK-ROSE
- ISTEP English/Math must be passed for graduation—ask your counselor about waiver process.
- ATTENDANCE AND DEADLINES ARE VERY IMPORTANT!!!

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WEBSITES OF INTEREST (INDIANA)

Free Scholarship Searches

Fast Web

www.fastweb.com

College Board's Scholarship Search Scholarships

www.collegeboard.org

www.scholarships.com

Chegg Scholarships

www.chegg.com/scholarships

Cappex

www.cappex.com/scholarships

Niche

www.niche.com

College Fund/UNCF

www.uncf.org

Trip to College Text Alerts

www.TripToCollege.org

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

www.in.gov/sfa

Peterson's

www.petersons.com

Financial Aid & College Savings Information

Indiana College Costs Estimator

www.indianacollegecosts.org

Learn More Indiana

www.LearnMoreIndiana.org

Cash for College Indiana

www.CashforCollegeIndiana.org

FAFSA on the Web (online FAFSA completion website)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid

www.studentaid.ed.gov

The Smart Guide to Financial Aid

www.finaid.org

State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana

www.in.gov/ssaci

Student Gateway to the U.S. Government

www.students.gov

The Internet Guide to 529 & Other College Savings Plans

www.savingsforcollege.com

Career and College Information

Virtual College and University Tours

www.campustours.com