

# Counselors' Corner



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## Your Time is NOW!

Welcome back Class of 2018! After much anticipation your senior year is here. Please feel free to stop in or make an appointment with your school counselor to discuss any concerns you have. Fall of your senior year is the time to consider your post-secondary plans. Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to visit some college campuses or speak with prospective employers. Four excellent opportunities to meet with college admissions representatives this fall are:

**BGSU Firelands College Night**—Cedar Point Center, Tuesday, September 12, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30p.m.

**North Central College Fair at The Ohio State University at Mansfield** —Campus Rec Center, Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**BHS College and Career Fair** - Bellevue High School Gymnasium, Monday, October 2, 2017 from 12:30p.m to 2:50p.m.

**College Fair of Sandusky County**- Student Activities Center at Terra State Community College, Monday, October 2, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## College Access Advisor

Students have another great college resource available to them at BHS! Ms. Amy Crist, who works through a partnership between Terra State Community College and Bellevue City Schools, is our college access advisor. She can assist with questions concerning, but not limited to: the ACT/SAT, college and career searches, financial aid, college visits, and the college application process. Ms. Crist is available to see students in the library during normal school hours on Mondays and Wednesdays. Appointments to see her can be made in the guidance office or students can email her at [amy.crist@bellevueschools.org](mailto:amy.crist@bellevueschools.org).

## College Application Process

Once students narrow their college choices, they are encouraged to apply online. Hard copies of applications may be downloaded from the school's website if a student is not comfortable applying online. Regardless of how a student applies, a release of records form must be on file in the guidance office in order for an official transcript to be sent. **Students are encouraged to complete and submit applications prior to Winter Break** unless other deadlines apply.

## College Visitation Programs

Students interested in attending a 2-year or 4-year college or university are encouraged to visit the campuses. If possible, these visits should be scheduled to occur on a Saturday. However, if visits must be done on a school day, students should follow these steps:

- Turn in written permission from a parent/guardian to the main office at least one day in advance
- Schedule an appointment with the admissions office and financial aid department
- Visit the library, recreation center, student union & freshmen dorms
- Sit in on a class and speak to a professor or student
- Return a signed statement on college stationery from an admissions representative to the high school main office



## College Testing Information

**ACT**— Bellevue High School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
September 22, 2017	October 28, 2017
November 3, 2017	December 9, 2017
January 12, 2018	February 10, 2018*
March 9, 2018	April 14, 2018
May 4, 2018	June 9, 2018
June 15, 2018	July 14, 2018*

Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

\*Test is NOT administered at BHS on these dates

**SAT**—School Code: 360-405

Registration Deadline	Test Date
October 6, 2017	November 4, 2017
November 3, 2017	December 2, 2017
February 9, 2018	March 10, 2018

Register at: [www.sat.collegeboard.com](http://www.sat.collegeboard.com)

\*\*SAT is not administered at BHS. More dates available in 2018.



We encourage seniors to visit the Bellevue Schools webpage weekly to access :

- College/Career resources
- Current scholarship applications
- Employment/Training opportunities
- Extracurricular opportunities

Go to [www.bellevueschools.org](http://www.bellevueschools.org). Click Schools, High School, High School Counseling Services, Counseling Information

## NCAA Clearinghouse/NAIA

Any student wishing to play **Division I or II** athletics must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. **The application process can be completed by visiting <http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/eligibility-center>.** Please check out the website for further details about eligibility requirements.

Students interested in collegiate athletics may also want to consider registering with the NAIA. **The registration can be completed at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org).**



## Senior Checklist

- \_\_\_ Review credits and Diploma with Honors eligibility with School Counselor
- \_\_\_ Register for October or December ACT and/or SAT
- \_\_\_ Complete College / Career / Military Search
  - \_\_\_ College Visits / Recruiter Meetings
  - \_\_\_ Letters of Recommendation
  - \_\_\_ Applications for Admission/Employment
  - \_\_\_ Edit Resume / Write Essays
  - \_\_\_ Prepare for College / Job Interview
  - \_\_\_ Financial Aid / FAFSA (After October 1)
  - \_\_\_ Scholarship Search (Be aware of deadlines)
  - \_\_\_ NCAA/NAIA Registration (Athletes)
  - \_\_\_ Job Shadowing Opportunities
  - \_\_\_ Request Final Transcripts (BHS and PSEO/CCP/Dual Enrollment Schools)
- \_\_\_ Volunteer in Community
- \_\_\_ Register to Vote (when turned 18)
- \_\_\_ Register for Selective Service (males, 30 days before 18th birthday, @ [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov))
- \_\_\_ Order Graduation Announcements and have Senior Yearbook picture taken

