

# Senior Survival Guide

## APPOINTMENTS WITH MRS. DOMBROWSKI

- Parents and Students - please use this link to set up a meeting time with me
  - <https://calendly.com/dombrowski12>

## IMPORTANT DATES

- MAY 01 – SENIOR AWARDS
- MAY 08 – CAP & GOWN DISTRIBUTION
- MAY 10 – BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
- MAY 11 – GRADUATION PRACTICE
- MAY 11 – GRADUATION CEREMONY

## GRADUATION, BALFOUR, AND CAP & GOWN

- Ms. Marler, our Librarian, is in charge of all things Graduation!
  - Please visit the graduation page to stay informed  
<https://www.bcbe.org/domain/3569>
  - Please email Ms. Marler ([emarler@bcbe.org](mailto:emarler@bcbe.org)) if you have ANY questions regarding:
    - Graduation Ceremony
    - Cap & Gown
    - Balfour

## COLLEGE & CAREER COACH

- Mrs. Morrell Baxter is on campus, in the Library, every **Wednesday, Thursday, and alternating Friday's** all year long!
- Mrs. Baxter covers all of the following topics:
  - Career Planning and Exploration
  - College Applications
  - Financial Aid and FAFSA
  - Job Applications
  - Resume Building
  - Career Technical Programs
  - Career Interest Inventories

- Four Year Plans
- Employability Trends
- Interview Etiquette
- Please email her at [mbaxter@bcbe.org](mailto:mbaxter@bcbe.org) for an appointment (parents & students welcome).


## TRANSCRIPT ORDERING

- **Official transcripts** – College Applications, Scholarships, Organizations, etc.
  - [www.Parchment.com](http://www.Parchment.com) – create an account and fill in all personal information
  - \$2 fee to send electronically/mail
- **Unofficial transcripts** – Scholarships, Organizations, Personal Use, etc.
  - See Mrs. Yelding in the front office
  - Sign her clipboard to request a copy
  - \$1 to pickup

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- These are usually requested for college or scholarship applications
- **MUST BE REQUESTED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE DEADLINE**
- A **brag sheet** must be filled out and given to me with your request for a recommendation letter.
  - **Brag Sheet:**  
<https://www.bcbe.org//cms/lib/AL01901374/Centricity/Domain/3581/Senior%20Brag%20Sheet%20Form.pdf>

## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHING

- <https://baldwincountycareercoaches.weebly.com/>
  - Our College & Career Coach, Morrell Baxter, has created this scholarship website containing all known “outside” scholarships we receive information about. It is updated as new information/deadlines for these scholarships come in.
- <https://al.kuder.com/landing-page>
  - Students may access this site by logging into:  
<https://students.bcbe.org/auth/Login.aspx?ru=L3Nzby9wb3J0YWw=>
  - Login using chromebook username and password
  -  to login using the “Clever” option
  - Career Exploration/Planning → Scholarship Search

- I will **email** new posted scholarship opportunities as I receive them
- Opportunities and updates may also be sent out through **Remind**.
  - Remind:
    - [http://pdfs.remind.com/invite?alternate\\_phone\\_number=%28765%29+252-1559&class\\_code=dhs20grads&class\\_name=DHS+Class+of+2020&phone\\_number=81010&sms\\_supported=true&user\\_signature=Mrs.+Dombrowski&locale=en](http://pdfs.remind.com/invite?alternate_phone_number=%28765%29+252-1559&class_code=dhs20grads&class_name=DHS+Class+of+2020&phone_number=81010&sms_supported=true&user_signature=Mrs.+Dombrowski&locale=en)

## SCHOLARSHIP REPORTING

- All Scholarships (Academic, Athletic, & Fine Arts) *must* be reported to the County at the end of the year and for Senior Awards Day.
- Please use the following links to report scholarships
  - Academic Scholarships: <https://forms.gle/E9RYpin333gcCesSA>
  - Fine Arts Scholarships: <https://forms.gle/5VUoYvvR1sQq7cVE9>
  - Athletic Scholarships: <https://forms.gle/bnZM8hzRik57mJb6A>

## ESSAY WRITING

- Write a good general scholarship application essay:
  - <http://www.shmoop.com/college/personal-statement-examples.html>
  - <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-application-strategies/top-10-tips-for-writing-effective-scholarship-essays/>

## FAFSA & FINANCIAL AID

- **10/1/2019** – Date it opens—do not fill it out before this date!
  - To fill it out, visit <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
  - Easy to use tutorial: <http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/Media/FAFSASimplification/index.html>
- **FAFSA Night** will be held on **Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6-8 PM in Room 110** by our College & Career Coach, Mrs. Morrell Baxter
  - Register here to register to attend FAFSA Night:
    - <https://forms.gle/6E5EYRZPmjyieV4HA>

## YEARBOOK & PICTURES

- Mrs. Bateman is our Yearbook sponsor this year! Please contact her ([bbatemen@bcbe.org](mailto:bbatemen@bcbe.org)) if you have any questions concerning the Yearbook or pictures with Jim Owens Studios.

## COLLEGE VISITS (OFF-CAMPUS)

- Seniors are allowed **2 excused absences** to visit Colleges during a school year (August-May).
- ***These absences must be pre-approved!!!*** Grab a form on the wall outside my office, Room 117, and return to Ms. Pipkin, attendance clerk, in the New Wing office **AT LEAST ONE DAY BEFORE YOUR VISIT!**

## COLLEGE VISITS (ON-CAMPUS)

- College recruiters/ reps visit DHS during DASH/Parthenon from 11:00 – 11:45!
- To attend a visit:
  - Watch for advertised visits:
    - Remind, Social Media, Email, and the scrolling announcements at school
  - Ask for permission from your DASH teacher to attend the visit
  - Come straight to the LIBRARY at 11:00 AM
  - **SIGN-IN IN THE LIBRARY**
    - If you fail to ask for permission from your DASH teacher or fail to sign-in at the Library, you will be written up for skipping.

## ACT & FEE WAIVERS

- If you have **free OR reduced lunch...**
  - ...you are eligible for ONE ACT fee waiver! Come see me if you need one in Room 117! Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

<u>ACT Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 26, 2020