

SMHS Senior Year Timeline

August/September

- Oct. 16
- Seniors will take the ACT during school **at no charge** ~~August 14~~
 - Register to re-take the ACT/SAT as needed (HOPE Scholarship: minimum score 21 or 3.0 GPA, Honors recognition, University scholarships, Meet college benchmarks)
 - Review college application process and begin completing college applications online (**KNOW YOUR DEADLINES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND APPLICATIONS**)
 - Attend senior financial aid night at SMHS
 - Make plans to attend a college fair (TTU College Fair is **October 23**)
Permission slips due **October 5th** - Before Fall Break
 - 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)
- First **mandatory** meeting for TN Promise is **October 25th at 9:30** in the auditorium. This meeting is for students only. Keep up with your handbook, it has invaluable information that will make your life easier!

November/December

- Apply to the Tennessee Promise program at www.TNPromise.gov by **November 1st**.
- Continue working on scholarship applications - fill out as many as possible. Listen to announcements, watch Remind messages, website, and scholarship table.
- Prepare for final exams.
- December graduates need to take care of **ALL** "end of year" obligations prior to Winter Break.
- Order you cap and gown from Jostens before the deadline.

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!
- Revisit colleges where you have been accepted and make comparisons.

March

- Tennessee Scholar forms are due in the Counseling Office.
- Attend second **mandatory** meeting for TN Promise. Meeting date will be provided in the TN Achieves booklet given out at the first mandatory meeting.

April/May

- Complete **8 hours** of community service for TN Promise Program **before July**.
- 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.** We do not know your final college choice unless you tell us.
- All senior males must register for Selective Service at the post office after their 18th birthday. No federal financial assistance for college will be provided unless this has been completed.

Class of 2019 Remind App

To receive REMIND text messages for important senior information.

Text: 81010

Message: @9hke93

We encourage ALL students and parents to sign up for this.

Internet Resources

College Resources

www.scholarships.com

Find and apply for scholarships, grants and financial aid that match you. Also search for colleges and discover your best fit, then get recruited. Find scholarship and colleges offering you even more financial aid options.

www.collegeforTN.org

Provides information about Career planning, College planning, Financial Aid planning and allows students to create their own portfolio for saving information.

www.nacacnet.org

NACAC is the National Association of College Admission Counselors. Although the site is primarily for college admission professionals, they do offer some great information regarding college admissions for parents and students.

www.collegeweeklive.com

After registering on this site, you will have access to free advice from admissions experts, financial aid and scholarship information, and the ability to take part in virtual open houses of colleges and universities.

www.collegedata.com

This site will inform students of the chances of being admitted into a particular college or university. The site also provides printable college demographics to help you in your research process.

<http://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

This site includes colleges and universities that deemphasize the use of standardized tests in making admission decisions.

Financial Aid Resources

www.ed.gov or www.fafsa.ed.gov

The US Department of Education's web site is a comprehensive informational site. The guide, "Student Guide to Financial Aid" is free and very useful. The site also contains the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that is required by almost all colleges.

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www.fastweb.com

A scholarship search engine site that claims to have information on over 400,000 scholarships. You can search by interests, majors, ethnic background, extracurricular activities, etc.,

www.scholarships.com

Scholarships.com is the largest free ad independent college scholarship search and financial aid information resources on the Internet and has been recognized by high schools, colleges, and universities nationwide. The site's mission is to assist students and their families in not only finding college scholarships, but helping them explore valuable financial aid opportunities they may not have discovered otherwise.

www.questbridge.org

This website offers opportunities for exceptions and low-income students, including four year college scholarships to leading colleges.

www.goodcall.com/scholarships

This website offers information about scholarship and financial aid, matching scholarships to interests.

www.cappex.com

This website focuses on scholarships available from colleges, universities, private companies and foundations.

Testing Information Resources

www.actstudent.org

ACT's homepage links to all of the ACT's programs, services and research. Use this site to register for the ACT, obtain student guides/tips and also to obtain official score reports.

www.collegeboard.com

Find Advanced Placement Testing and SAT information, including online registration and college information.

Student Athlete Resources

www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org and www.playnaia.org

In order to participate in athletics and receive athletically based financial aid, students must register with the respective Eligibility Center and meet the necessary requirements.



2019-20 FAFSA Worksheet

To help you with your 2019-20 FAFSA, please complete and gather the items on this worksheet and bring them to the FAFSA workshop on: _____

Student

Parent(s)

- 2017 Income Tax Return (this is also called the IRS 1040/1040A/1040EZ) **Only if the student filed taxes.**

- 2017 W-2 Form(s) **Only if the student worked.**

- **Social Security Number**

- **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)**

List of colleges:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Student's FSA ID

Email: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

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- **Social Security Numbers**

Parent 1

- **Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)**

Parent 1

Parent 2

- **If applicable, date your parents were married/divorced/separated/widowed**

One Parent's FSA ID

Email: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Students & Parents of Class 2019 !

Plan to attend a Crossville - FAFSA Frenzy Day

Cumberland County Volunteers will assist all High School Seniors' Families with preparing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the date and times indicated. It only takes 40 minutes from start to finish. Don't wait! Get it done!...so you can be sure your student gets all the money they are eligible to receive for their education. There is no better place to BE...between 9 and 3...and it is FREE! Anyone can attend at any of the locations on the dates below between the hours of 9 – 3.

Parents & Students (both) should each have a financial student aid login name & password (FSA ID) established before attending a workshop. To establish a FSA ID online in 10 minutes go to this website: <https://fsaid.ed.gov/>



Art Circle Library

October 6 (Saturday)

October 8 (Workshop ends at 1 pm on this day)

Christian Academy of the Cumberlands

October 9

October 13 (Saturday)

American Job Center – Crossville

October 11

October 12

Tennessee College of Applied Technology - Crossville

October 10

October 20 (Saturday)


See your
Counselor for
Appointment
time.



To complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you will need:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Alien Registration Number (if you are not a U.S. citizen)
- Your 2017 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned.

(Note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into your FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.)

- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- An FSA ID to sign electronically.

If you are a dependent student, then you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).