

CLASS OF 2011

2010-2011 Senior Year Checklist

Throughout Your Senior Year:

___ Read our "COLLEGE ADMISSION" booklet located at www.pvchs.com under the "GUIDANCE" tab and then click on "COLLEGE ADMISSION". It has all of the information you will need for the college application process.

___ Do SAT/ACT test prep in the library or on the web: www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org

___ If you have not successfully completed both sections of the FCAT (Reading & Math), sign up for the SAT or ACT as these scores can be used in place of FCAT scores.

CONCORDANT SCORES FOR 2010-2011 (state legislature determines these each year)			
READING		MATH	
FCAT	300	FCAT	300
SAT	420	SAT	340
ACT	18	ACT	15

___ Check the website www.facts.org for COLLEGE INFO and see your own transcript evaluation and your BRIGHT FUTURES GPA! Create your own login ID and password. This is also an excellent resource for researching Florida colleges and career and interest exploration.

___ Check weekly for scholarship information at www.pvchs.com under the GUIDANCE tab and then under SCHOLARSHIPS. There are also two drawers full of scholarship information and applications in the Career Center located in the Guidance Department. Stop in frequently for updates.

___ Finalize college choices based on location, price, majors offered, etc. This can be done on the internet, by phone, or in person. Also, plan visits to perspective colleges as soon as possible.

___ Get into the habit of checking the guidance office weekly for new scholarship applications. Also listen for announcements daily and check the Park Vista web site.

___ Continue performing community service hours to apply towards graduation and certain scholarships.

___ Prepare a résumé of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. Check file in Guidance for community service opportunities and form to submit hours to your counselor. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation for you should be given a copy of your résumé. Remember to give that person a minimum of two weeks to write the letter!

___ Explore the Florida Department of Education's financial aid website, run through the Office of Student Financial Assistance. This site will give students a preview of state grants, scholarships, and loans (including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program) available for post-secondary education. The website address is www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org Research now, but *apply for the Bright Futures scholarship after December 1 of SENIOR year* at: https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA_uaform.asp

___ Pick up SAT and ACT applications and fee waivers (if applicable) in guidance office or apply online at www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.act.org for ACT. Our CEEB # is 101923.

___ Student athletes should complete NCAA Clearinghouse form at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

___ Dual enrollment is available at PBCC or FAU to students with 3.0 GPA (2.5 for Strategies for College Success). See counselor for enrollment information for Spring semester.

___ Males MUST register for the Selective Service at the age of eighteen. Register online at www.sss.gov. NOT registering WILL affect financial aid.

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE C/O 2011

September 2010

___ During senior credit check with counselor to discuss:

My top three college choices are: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If I'm not going to college, then I want to: _____

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___ Begin to gather applications for colleges and adhere to their application deadlines for early decision or regular decision.

___ Start credit lab or online courses, if necessary, for earning missed credits needed for graduation.

___ Speak to military recruiters, if interested.

October, November, December 2010

___ Take SAT and/or ACT—be sure to have scores sent to potential college choices. Register online at:

SAT www.collegeboard.com

ACT www.act.org

or pick-up application packets in the Guidance Department. Park Vista's CEEB # is 101923. (Park Vista High is a test site for the SAT on all dates except November)

___ Submit NCAA Clearinghouse (student athletes) form at www.ncaaclearinghouse.org and have Mrs. Richter in the Guidance Office send transcript to potential colleges.

___ December 1, 2010 apply online for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship at https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/UA/SAWSTUA_uaform.asp

___ See counselor for Dual Enrollment application for Spring semester, if interested. The deadline is usually the first week in December.

___ Do final preparations for mailing college applications (enclose application fee or waiver; proofread essays; have the RECORDS SECRETARY send transcript).

January 2011

___ Make sure college applications are mailed or completed online. If not, do so ASAP!

___ Pick up FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) in guidance office or apply online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Fill out and mail after receiving W-2.

___ (January, February, March, April) Retake SAT and/or ACT if necessary to raise scores.

February, March, April, May 2011

___ Upon receipt of FAFSA results, check for the EFC (Estimated Family Contribution). This is how much money the student and his/her family is expected to contribute each year towards college expenses. Continue to look for other scholarships to make up the difference that is not covered through federal and state financial aid.

___ Clear all obligations. You cannot participate in graduation if obligations are owed.

___ Make sure college of choice has received a copy of FAFSA results. They will put together a financial aid package (if applicable).

___ Fill out transcript request in RECORDS SECRETARY office indicating where final transcript should be sent after graduation. This should only be done for the college that the student is planning to attend.