What you should be doing to prepare for your future...

Senior Year

September

*Begin your college applications for college admissions and financial aid. Most colleges have their applications available online. Many are now using the Common Application (www.commonapp.org).

*Be sure to print a copy of your application when possible.

*Request a transcript to be sent to the college you have applied. An application is not complete without a transcript. Be sure to give two days advanced notice to have your transcript printed. "Transcript Request Forms" can be found in the hallway pocket files and on the Guidance website.

*Many applications require letters of recommendations. Be sure to give your teachers AT LEAST TWO WEEKS notice to complete your recommendation.

*Register for the ACT and/or SAT (if needed). September 20 is the registration deadline for the October 26 ACT test date.

*Continue to visit colleges and attend college fairs.

*Sign up to meet with college representatives here at school.

October

*Make a chart with all deadlines for your college applications/scholarships and financial aid. Try to get your college applications completed before the end of this month.

*Apply NOW for Early Action or Early Decision. Keep a copy for yourself.

*Have official test scores sent to colleges on your list.

*Keep your grades up!

*FAFSA is available to complete online. This year, 2018 tax information will be used for the 2020-21 college year.

*Encourage your parents to attend Financial Aid Night on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. (College Night is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on the same evening.)

November

*Continue completing your applications and following deadlines for both the applications for admission and for scholarship opportunities available through the colleges.

*Work to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

*November 8 is the ACT registration deadline for the December 14 testing date.

December

*If you haven't already begun searching for scholarships online, now is a good time to begin doing so. Check out <u>www.fastweb.com</u>! Remember that OCIS has many scholarship opportunities listed, as well! (<u>www.ocis.org</u> - Username: newbremen (no space) and Password: NewBremen01)

*Get ready for exams.

January

*January 10 is the ACT registration deadline for the February 8 testing date.

*Look over your deadline sheets, and make sure you have all your necessary forms submitted.

February

*Review SAR Report (Student Aid Report). If you submitted early, hopefully you received this much earlier than now.

*Search the scholarship display to apply for potential scholarships. Continue to search online, as well.

March

*Don't get senioritis! Keep working hard in your classes!

*Check the Guidance Office pocket files for local scholarship opportunities.

*Complete the New Bremen Education Foundation scholarship application. Available online at www.newbremenschools.org — Students — Teacher Pages — Mrs. Wendel

*You should have heard of your college admission status by now.

*Review your financial aid packages very carefully.

*You have until May 1 to make your final decisions.

*Keep current with local scholarship opportunities. Check the pocket files regularly.

May

*By May 1, you need to send in your tuition deposits and housing contracts.

*Notify all colleges in which you were accepted of your decision, whether to attend their school or not to attend their school. It may make a spot available for someone else!

*Advanced Placement exams take place this month.

*Be sure to turn in your Senior Survey forms.

*Be sure to turn in thank you cards for any scholarships you have received before graduation practice.

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Junior Year

*Begin your year with great study habits! Your cumulative GPA at the end of this year will be the GPA you will be using for college applications.

*Stay involved in school activities and community service.

*Make sure you are meeting the NCAA or NAIA requirements if you want to play sports in college... <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u> and <u>www.naiaeligibilitycenter.com</u>. Be sure to register and request a transcript be sent (from Mrs. Wendel) to the clearinghouse.

*Continue researching college admission requirements and career opportunities.

*Try to narrow down what career you want to pursue. Ohio Career Information Systems is a helpful website! <u>www.ocis.org</u> Username: newbremen (no space) and Password: NewBremen01 (case sensitive)

*Job shadow.

*Take practice ACT and SAT tests.

*Review ACT testing dates and registration deadlines, and decide when you plan on taking the ACT. You will take it at NBHS in the spring. Plan to take it at least one other time during your junior year. Colleges look at your highest score. You can register to take the exam outside of school at www.actstudent.org.

*Sign up to meet with the college representatives that visit our school. You are allowed to attend five sessions.

*Visit college websites, and take virtual tours of campuses.

*Attend local college fairs.

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Sophomore Year

*Concentrate on keeping your grades up.

*Do your homework on time, and take the initiative to ask questions when you do not understand something in class.

*Look for volunteer activities to develop your interests.

*Continue to research colleges.

*Visit my website at <u>www.newbremenschools.org</u> — Schools — New Bremen High School — Teacher Pages — Mrs. Wendel

*Keep studying, especially for semester exams.

*Attend Tri Star Open House if you are considering Vocational Education for next year.

*In February, see your counselor for advice on course selection for next year.

*Attend a local college fair.

*Decide on community service activities and possible job shadowing experiences over the summer months.

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Senior Year

*Enjoy high school. Begin the year with a positive attitude!

*Build strong academics by taking challenging courses. Plan to take courses in these subject areas for the next four years.

- -4 years of English
- -3 years of Social Studies (4 years for Honors Diploma)
- -4 years of Math (including Algebra II)
- -3-4 years of Science
- -2-4 years of the same Foreign Language
- -1 year of Visual Arts

*Study hard, and work towards getting the best grades possible.

*Do your homework on time, and take the initiative to ask questions when you do not understand something in class.

*Get to know your Guidance Counselor.

*Get involved in at least one extracurricular activity.

*Study for semester exams.

*Become familiar with the Learning Lab.

*Begin surfing the web for college and financial aid sites. My Guidance Website is a great place to begin... <u>www.newbremenschools.org</u> — Schools — New Bremen High School — Teacher Pages — Mrs. Wendel

*Check out what types of courses colleges require. Another great website is Ohio Career Information Systems... <u>www.ocis.org</u> Username: newbremen (no space) and Password: NewBremen01

- *Research career possibilities. Begin job shadowing and volunteering for community service.
- *Read, read, read. The more you read the better your vocabulary will become.
- *Know the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) requirements if you want to play sports in college... <u>www.eligibilitycenter.org</u>
- *Talk with your parents about your career goals and how high school is going.