



**CLASS OF 2023  
AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET ARE  
EVENTS AND OTHER  
VERY IMPORTANT SENIOR EVENT DATES**

**SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER**

**JANUARY- MARCH**

**APRIL- MAY**

## **2022-2023 Senior Events**

Dear Senior student and Parents:

Congratulations on being a member of the BDHS Class of 2023! There are several things that parents and students need to be aware of during their senior year of high school. We have broken down the items that you need by three month increments to help you sort through the many questions that you may have, and when you should address various items. \*\*\*Due to the ongoing Pandemic, dates and events subject to change and cancellation\*\*\*

### **September-December**

**Communication:** Mrs. Good will be communicating important announcements and deadlines through email and the Counseling bulletin board. If you are not getting emails, please contact the Student Services Office. Also, please utilize our school's website, which is [www.bdschools.us](http://www.bdschools.us).

**On Track to Graduate:** It is our goal that every senior is on track to graduate. Each senior's course history is reviewed in early fall to be sure they will meet the graduation requirements for 2023. If your child's record reveals a discrepancy, the student will be contacted to adjust their schedule and to formulate a plan. We encourage you to continue to follow your child's progress throughout the school year. Mrs. Good will notify parents in writing in November if credits are an issue.

**Counseling Office Turn-Around:** Please note that all paperwork to be processed by the Counseling Office will take up to five (5) full working days. This includes applications, transcript requests and letters of recommendation, scholarship applications and other miscellaneous items. Please plan ahead.

**College Visits:** Legitimate college visits are allowed. (At this time many are doing virtual tours, please look into this option). Remember, you must fill out a Pre-Arranged Absence Form and return it to Ms. Bower prior to visiting colleges. This paperwork can be picked up in the Student Services Office. When you return from your college visit, please share documentation from your visit with Ms. Bower. Your excused absence will be changed to a College Visit Day which will not count as an absence. It is your responsibility to make sure that your attendance has been recorded as a College Visit Day.

**Colleges Visiting BDHS:** Mrs. Good keeps a list of all colleges visiting BDHS in the Student Services Office. Students can sign up to attend a presentation by a college rep. (Many will be offering virtual tours, so we may have time in school to do this via ZOOM). This information and college fairs will also be shared on our Counseling Bulletin Board, Media Center board, and with Ms. Fuqua.

**Letters of Recommendation:** If you are requesting letters of recommendation from your teachers, coaches, counselor or the principal, please be considerate and give them plenty of time (2-3 weeks). Remember, they have busy schedules and will need advance notice to write a quality letter.

**College Applications:** Staff are ready to assist with college applications. Colleges/universities have online applications. Please see Mrs. Good if you need assistance.

**Deadline for pictures in the Yearbook:**

- ✓ Picture(s) will need to be turned into Ms. Fuqua by January 6th.
- ✓ Picture must be portrait, not landscaped.
- ✓ Picture must be a “head and shoulder” pose.
- ✓ No hats are allowed in this picture.
- ✓ No tank tops or spaghetti straps are allowed in this picture.

**School ID Photos/Composite Photo:** All seniors will still have their photos taken on September 14th by [schoolpictures.com](http://schoolpictures.com) for their student ID’s, and class composite. Please dress your best!

**Transcript Requests:** While applying to a college, you will need to request your official transcript online via an e-verification system called Parchment at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). Admission offices cannot process your application without your official transcript. Parchment is your first step to request. However, if you are assessed any fees, request a paper copy. Never pay for your BD transcript! This e-verification system is a State of Michigan mandate for all public high schools in Michigan. For other transcript requests (i.e., scholarship, applications, portfolios, etc.), please complete a “Transcript Request Form.” Forms are available with the high school counselor in the Student Services office.

**SAT:** Seniors who wish to re-take the SAT must register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Students may still apply to colleges prior to their re-takes but should communicate re-take information to the admission offices. In addition, scores are printed on transcripts. The school code for BD is 230-405. Be sure to put the college’s four-digit code on your registration so that your scores go directly to the school(s) you’re interested in. Also, enter “9999” for scores to be sent to the NCAA if you are interested in playing college sports. Some colleges have application deadlines as soon as October. The best advice is to have a plan! Schedule an appointment with Mrs. Good to work on your plan.

**Scholarship Information:** There are many scholarships available to students. Local, state and national scholarships will be posted on the Counseling bulletin board. Our Britton Deerfield Education Foundation Scholarship will be a paper application, the Lenawee Foundation will be an online application. Mrs. Good will present to seniors the information on all local scholarships available.

**Schedule Changes:** Changes in schedules are not permitted after the first 2 days of school. Please note that schedule changes are made only in extreme circumstances or to balance class numbers.

**Cap and Gown and Announcements:** Information for ordering caps, gowns, and announcements will be shared by Jostens. Please be aware of the following information:

- ✓ Packets and order forms are distributed to all seniors in a class meeting on October 6th. Forms to be returned with payment on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Delay in ordering will affect price and availability of some items.
- ✓ Jostens representative is Mr. Doug Drake. His address and email will be included with the packet. He can also be reached by phone at 248-641-3949.

**Financial Aid FAFSA Filing Event:** Fafsa night will be held here at the Britton Building on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-7:30 pm.

## January- March

**Baby Pictures:** Don't miss out on your chance to have your baby picture included in the slide show. Submit a photo of you (3 months – 2 years) to Ms. Fuqua; bring it in to be scanned or send it by email (jpg file) to [Brittany.fuqua@bdschools.us](mailto:Brittany.fuqua@bdschools.us) by January 6th. You will also have the opportunity to share pictures for the Senior Video Presentation, shown at Graduation. \*\*\*Senior ads are available for a fee, please contact Ms. Fuqua for details.\*\*\* Please call Mr. Scott or Ms. Fuqua with any questions.

**Letter of Acceptance Bulletin Board:** All seniors who have received written notice of acceptance to a college/university should bring in a copy of the letter so we can post it to the bulletin board.

## April-May

**Final Plans:** Senior Recognition Night will be held in the Britton Cafetorium on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Seniors and parents are invited to attend this event. \*\*\*Pending COVID-19 status

**Scholarship/Award Recognition:** We would like to recognize students' scholarships that they have been awarded at the Senior Recognition Night (May 15th). Please notify Mrs. Good in the Student Services Office by mid-April of any scholarship you will be receiving. \*\*\*Pending COVID-19 status

**Senior Meeting:** Mr. Scott will meet with seniors in early May to go over final details of graduation, including graduation practice date/time, appropriate dress, Senior Awards Night, final exam dates, etc.

**Graduation Rehearsal:** Graduation rehearsal is **mandatory** for all graduating seniors planning to walk. Rehearsal will take place at Dawson Auditorium on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 at 9:00 AM. \*\*\*Pending COVID-19 status

**Graduation:** Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Dawson Auditorium. \*\*\*Pending COVID-19 status

**Graduation Photos Taken:** During the graduation ceremony, a photo will be taken by a Graduation Photo representative as your child receives his/her diploma. A picture proof and order form will be mailed to you within 1-2 weeks following graduation. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact SchoolPictures.com, 300 West Forest Avenue, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, or phone them at 734-677-3400.

**Final Transcripts:** Your final transcript will be available the third week in June. You must register with Parchment at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) in order to request your final transcript be sent to your college or workplace. You may still request a paper copy for yourself or any other institution. Never pay for your BD transcript.

**Additional Information:** We trust that the information in this packet will be helpful to all seniors and their parents. Again, it is our goal to have an e-mail address for every senior. If you have a new address or a change, please provide that information to the Student Services Office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the high school office at 517-451-4581. \*\*\***Note: Dates and times are subject to change/cancellation due to the Pandemic.**\*\*\*