



**CLASS OF 2024
AND THEIR PARENTS**

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

SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

JANUARY- MARCH

APRIL- MAY

2023-2024 Senior Events

Dear Senior student and Parents:

Congratulations on being a member of the BDHS Class of 2024! 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.

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.

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 2024. 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 utilizing the Parent Portal offered to you by Infinite Campus. 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. 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, so be sure you check your Parent Portal through Infinite Campus.

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. This information and college fairs will also be shared on our Counseling Bulletin Board.

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 in by January 5th.
- ✓ 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 20th by 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. 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. 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 share with seniors 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 2nd. Forms to be returned with payment on October 6th.
- ✓ Delay in ordering will affect price and availability of some items.
- ✓ Jostens representative is Ms. Janice Traub. Her address and email will be included with the packet.

Financial Aid FAFSA Filing Event: Open to all senior parents of students planning on attending college, on this night we will have a professional(s) here at BD to help you fill out your forms. Due to new changes and trainings for the FAFSA personnel, this night will be determined at a later date, but will be after we get back after Christmas break.

January- March

Baby Pictures: Don't miss out on your chance to have your baby picture included in the slideshow at graduation. Submit a photo of you (3 months – 2 years) by January 5th; bring it in to be scanned or send it by email (jpg file) to jaiden.crots@bdschools.us.

April-May

Final Plans: Post-graduation plans are announced at Senior Recognition Night. Seniors and parents are invited to attend this event on Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 PM.

Scholarship/Award Recognition: We would like to recognize students' scholarships that they have been awarded at the Senior Recognition Night (May 7th). Please notify Mrs. Good in the Student Services Office by mid-April of any scholarship you will be receiving.

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 Friday, May 17th, at 10:30 a.m. All seniors will be bussed by BD to and from.

Graduation: Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 19th, at 2:00 PM at Dawson Auditorium.

Graduation Photos Taken: During the graduation ceremony, a photo will be taken by a Graduation Photo representative as your child receives his/her diploma. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact SchoolPictures.com, phone 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 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