



**Platteview High School**  
**Class of 2021 - Senior Year Timeline**

- ✓ Stay focused on academic excellence.
- ✓ Continue good study habits.
- ✓ Take classes necessary for high school graduation, technical school, college or post-secondary schooling.
- ✓ Check your senior mailbox (located just outside of Mr. McLaughlin's office) weekly as well as the school's website and your school email.
- ✓ When taking the ACT, list all schools you are interested in. Colleges and universities are no longer allowing us to send them
- ✓ If you qualify for free/reduced lunches, you can take the ACT for free (see Mrs. Christiansen for an ACT fee waiver).

**REMINDERS:**

- ✓ College reps will be coming to visit PHS over the lunch hour. Make sure to take time to visit with the representatives from colleges or universities that interests you.
- ✓ Schedule at time with Mrs. Christiansen during your "senior interview."
- ✓ Apply on-line for colleges and universities and other post-secondary institutions.
- ✓ Notify Mrs. Nowka or Mrs. Christiansen to send your transcripts to colleges after applying.
- ✓ Complete volunteer and community service work (valuable for many scholarships and various career fields). Keep a record of all hours completed in these activities.
- ✓ Update your resume to be used this year in many ways (for individuals who write recommendations, for colleges, and for scholarships.) You can build a resume at [www.educationquest.com](http://www.educationquest.com).
- ✓ Register at <http://www.educationquest.org> for scholarshipquest.
- ✓ Plan visits with colleges. Notify the colleges at least 2 weeks in advance. (You are allowed three total excused absences for visits during your junior and senior years.
- ✓ If you are planning to compete in college athletics, complete the NCAA Clearinghouse registration at [www.ncaaeligibility.org](http://www.ncaaeligibility.org) or if you are planning to compete at an NAIA school, you will need to register at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org). You also need to have your ACT scores sent directly from ACT to NCAA and/or NAIA.
- ✓ Visit colleges that you are seriously considering.
- ✓ Talk with your family about college costs and decide how much you and your family can afford. Visit [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) or [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org) for financial aid information.
- ✓ Create an FSA ID at [fsaid.ed.gov](http://fsaid.ed.gov) (one for you and one for a parent). You'll need them for the FAFSA.
- ✓ Begin preparing the FAFSA online (with parent assistance).
- ✓ There is an ACT test available in September – deadline to register is August 16.

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER**

- ✓ Continue college visits.
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) after October 1 to apply for financial aid.
- ✓ Continue working on college applications. Note recommended due dates for scholarship consideration based on information from application for admission. Some are as early as November 15<sup>th</sup> or December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ Request letters of recommendations for scholarship and college applications.
- ✓ Colleges may request a high school transcript, see Mrs. Nowka or Mrs. Christiansen.

- ✓ Those planning a technical career can take the Accuplacer test at Metro Community College Sarpy Center to get the best scores. This enables students to by-pass certain classes they may otherwise have to pay for and take.
- ✓ Continue to search for scholarships and note due dates of college applications.
- ✓ The last date to order caps, gowns and graduation announcements through Jostens is November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for Wayne State scholarships.
- ✓ Work on picking out baby picture to submit to Mrs. Harriman at [jharriman@springfieldplatteview.org](mailto:jharriman@springfieldplatteview.org). Pictures must be submitted electronically to Mrs. Harriman no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is the only format accepted.

### DECEMBER/JANUARY

- ✓ ACT test is December 12<sup>th</sup>. (This is the last time to take it for scholarship purposes.) The registration deadline for this test is November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Continue to search for scholarships.
- ✓ Local Scholarships will become available during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. See Mrs. Christiansen for details and watch information posted in monthly newsletters.
- ✓ January 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for UNL scholarships.
- ✓ Continue college visits.
- ✓ February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for UNO Scholarships.
- ✓ February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for baby pictures to be submitted to Mrs. Harriman. See notes above.

### FEBRUARY/MARCH

- ✓ March 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for UNK Scholarships
- ✓ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.
- ✓ A late visit to a college may still be appropriate if undecided.
- ✓ Expect financial aid award notifications from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA.

### APRIL/MAY

- ✓ Compare financial aid award notifications to determine which college offers the best award package.
- ✓ Visit colleges again if necessary.
- ✓ Notify Mrs. Christiansen and Mrs. Nowka of any scholarships, awards/recognition received so that you can be recognized at Honors Night on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will provide you with a scholarship form to complete in April. This form is due no later than Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be printed in Omaha World Herald.
- ✓ Notify college of your choice of your acceptance and return appropriate paperwork. Notify the other schools of your decision.
- ✓ Complete forms for final transcript (high school and college) to be mailed to the college you are attending.
- ✓ National Honor Society Dinner, Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. All members of National Honor Society and their parents are invited to the induction of the new members of National Honor Society. As a part of the evening, there will be recognition of the graduating members.
- ✓ Students who are taking courses online must have grades and credit into Mrs. Christiansen no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- ✓ Seniors last day of school is Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will begin the day with Commencement Rehearsal in the Main Gym at 8:10AM. Commencement Rehearsal is **required of all students who wish to take part in Commencement ceremony**. Caps and gowns will be issued to seniors following the Commencement Rehearsal. Seniors must have all of their academic and financial obligations taken care of prior to receiving their cap and gown. Following Commencement Rehearsal seniors will have their normal morning schedule. Following 4<sup>th</sup> period, we will have a Senior BBQ. Parents will be invited to attend. The concluding activity for the day will be the Senior Walk at both Westmont and Springfield Elementary.
- ✓ Honors Night is on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ Any student not meeting requirements for graduation will be notified by Mr. Alexander no later than 12:00Noon on May 19, 2021.
- ✓ Commencement (Main Gym) is on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
  - Doors open at 11:45 a.m.
  - Students report at 12:00 p.m.