

# “16” tips for the SENIORS

## “8” things seniors should be doing this spring

### 1. KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

Whether it is high school classes, college applications, housing or acceptance deadlines, on-line classes, or graduation issues, know when things are due. If you don't know, find out. Resources for seniors are the SHS website ([seabreezehigh.org](http://seabreezehigh.org)), Planet High School, senior graduation calendar, Ms. Morgan, your guidance counselor, the administrators, and your teachers (both SHS and on-line teachers). The information is out there. Take advantage of the available resources and find out what you need to know. It is your responsibility to know this information.

### 2. MAKE GOOD CHOICES

Academic, personal and social choices are all important. You've worked hard for eleven and a half years, don't let a poor choice (or choices) prevent you from graduating.

### 3. REGISTER FOR THE BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIPS

Go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf/) or access from the Seabreeze website ([www.seabreezehigh.org](http://www.seabreezehigh.org)). All seniors must complete this registration by April 1.

### 4. TURN IN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you've done the hours, turn in the forms. If you haven't done them, start **NOW!** You need 100 hours for the Bright Futures Scholarships. Turn in the forms ASAP!

### 5. TAKE THE REQUIRED TESTS

**SAT/ACT, AP exams, EOC's, FCAT** -- Many seniors still need to retake either the SAT or the ACT for graduation, college admission, or the Bright Futures Scholarships. You may need to take an EOC for class credit, or you may need to take the FCAT one more time for graduation. If you are in an AP course, doing well on the AP exam may save you money for college. Know what tests you still need and when they are offered. If you don't know, **find out!**

### 6. COMPLETE THE REQUIRED FORMS FOR COLLEGE

If you will be attending a four-year college next year, you will need to notify the college that you will accept their offer of admission, schedule an orientation, and complete and turn in your housing forms. Know the deadlines for each of these. If you will be attending a two-year college, you will need to complete an application packet and schedule a meeting with an advisor. Representatives from Daytona State College will be at SHS later in the spring to register interested students.

### 7. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Check the red scholarship book in Student Services regularly. There are still scholarships available for which seniors may apply. In particular, if you are considering majoring in nursing or education, there are scholarships available. Also, check with the college you will be attending as most colleges have their own list of in-house scholarships for you to apply.

### 8. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Eat well, get enough sleep, and exercise regularly. If you aren't doing this, everything else becomes more difficult.

# **“8” things seniors should NOT be doing this spring**

## **1. SKIPPING CLASSES**

SHS is not a correspondence school. You need to be here every period, every day!

## **2. GETTING SENIORITIS**

Yes, you can avoid it. It's hard, but possible. If you've already got it, get rid of it.

## **3. PUTTING OFF YOUR ON-LINE CLASS WORK UNTIL “LATER”**

There will be less time later. The spring of your senior year is only going to get busier. Do it now and be done with it.

## **4. THINKING SECOND SEMESTER GRADES DON'T COUNT**

Yes, they count. Some colleges will rescind your acceptance based on second semester grades. Like Yogi Berra said, “It ain't over till it's over.”

## **5. MISMANAGING YOUR TIME**

Yes, there is a lot to do in the spring of your senior year; it is a very busy time. Get organized, know what you need to do, and complete everything by the deadline.

## **6. BLOWING OFF “LESS IMPORTANT” WORK**

It all counts and it all matters. Complete all of your school work.

## **7. FORGETTING OR CHOOSING NOT TO STUDY**

Prepare yourself for the future. You're building habits that will help (or hurt) you later in life (college, work, etc.).

## **8. COASTING**

Don't start to relax until May 28<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it's been a long, hard road since you started school, but don't stop working until you get to the end.

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