

Name _____ DATE _____

SENIOR MEETING

Do you have everything you need to graduate from Memorial?

What are your plans for next year?

What do you need to do now to prepare for next year?

DATES

Financial Aid Night at MHS	Sept 30th
Can apply for Financial Aid	Oct 1st
Wisconsin Education Fair:	Oct 2
Minnesota National College Fair:	October 2nd and 3rd
College Goal Wisconsin:	Oct 16th
PRIDE Awards/senior awards:	May 13th
Graduation:	May 25th
Like – North High Student Services – Facebook???	

Grad Requirements

- ☐ Total credits Completed
- ☐ Total credits in Progress
- ☐ Off-campus credits in Progress
- ☐ Total credits at the end of year if you pass all courses in progress
- ☐ Do you meet college admission requirements (including requirements unique to a specific college/electives - Check to see if you have the correct amount of total core credits needed and foreign language if applicable)

You are responsible for monitoring your credits!

Senior year is important- schedule changes, grades, course rigor

Post-Secondary Options

- ☐ Four Year College (private vs. public)
- ☐ Two Year college (transfer options)
- ☐ Technical College (transfer options)
- ☐ Military (which Branch? Contact person)

Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate- WHAT...there is a difference?

Military

- ASVAB – Oct 23rd
- Schedule for military reps at Memorial
- Military = education

Work Force

- What are your skills?
- Local employment resources: Manpower, Job Center

Any college credits?

AP classes, Start College Now/Early College Credit, TC, AS. If you have transcribed credits and don't go to CVTC make sure you contact CVTC and get a transcript so you can receive credit at the college you will be attending.

Consider Professional Youth Memberships – [click here for details](#)

Fee Waivers

- ☐ If you qualified for free/reduced lunch we can waive college application fees, etc. Please let us know if you receive free or reduced lunch.

Websites

- ☐ Be sure to explore the websites of the schools you are interested in attending
- ☐ UW Help-a great general website for all the Wisconsin universities-
<http://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu>

Email

- ☐ Be sure to check your email regularly. Universities/technical schools will communicate with you via email.

INFO REGARDING POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

Components of college applications (4 year) - apply early!

- ☐ Application (personal statements are important!!) Examples of items to include: Activities, organizations (school and community), AP courses, Youth Options, Enriched Classes, etc. Colleges base admission on a comprehensive approach,

including Primary factors (ACT score, GPA, course rigor) and Secondary factors (leadership roles, service/volunteerism, school/community involvement).

- ☐ Application fee
- ☐ ACT/SAT/Placement test
- ☐ Official Transcript-To send your official transcript – [*Use Parchment*](#)
- ☐ Personal statement – **IMPORTANT** – write your own. Some are used for scholarship purposes also.

Technical college applications – Apply early

- * Apply online
- * Application fee
- * ACT/SAT/Placement test if needed
- * Official Transcript-To send your official transcript – [*Use Parchment*](#)

Admission to a College vs. admission to a program within the college

Notification of being waitlisted or postponed = take action (send recent grades, letters of rec, etc) Admit/deny/wait list/postpone

Plan B- be sure you have an alternate plan

Financing your education

- ☐ Savings/work/loans/grants, work study, etc.
- ☐ Scholarships-MHS and other- your work place or parent's work place- local/regional/national Student Services website- (1) Memorial's home page (2) Student Services (3) Financial Aid
- ☐ FAFSA-you can apply Oct 1st - apply early!
Your taxes (if applicable) and your parent's taxes are needed to complete the FAFSA – 2 years prior

Xello (formally Career Cruising)

- ☐ Username – Same as computer
- ☐ Password – Same as computer
- ☐ College searches and information, career exploration, interest inventories, etc.

Letters of recommendation

- Currently only UW Madison requires letters of recommendation as part of your admission application (1)
- When to include a letter: If you are a “bubble” student and/or if your admission is postponed/waitlisted
- Letter should be from **core** academic teachers- Please give the teacher a resume and allow at least a **two week** notice when asking a teacher for a recommendation later. Provide a completed [“Brag Sheet”](#) for the teacher.
- Focus of the letter: Your ability to successfully complete college level work. Universities want to know that you’ve got what it takes not only to be admitted to their school, but also to graduate from their school.

Resources for help

- * WEOP – multiple programs
- * Blugold Beginnings
- * Student Services/Counselor