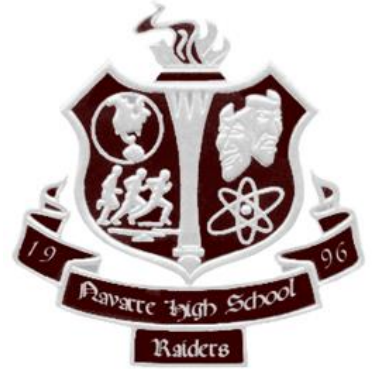


# SENIORS OF 2021

## *Navarre High School*

August 24, 2020 – June 5, 2021

WELCOME TO SENIOR YEAR AT NHS



Congratulations on making it to your senior year at Navarre High School! We are so proud of you and are looking forward to seeing your progress throughout the year. While there is uncertainty about what exactly the year will look like amid the pandemic, you can be certain we'll do our best to help you flourish. Please know that the NHS faculty and staff are always here for you, so feel free to reach out if you need help. We are all in this together!

The first thing we would like for you to do is reflect on what remaining graduation requirements you need to meet this year and e-mail your school counselor if you have questions.



What you need to know about this packet:

Parents and students will find this packet helpful as it contains information needed through your final year and is to be used as a reference. **IT IS STILL YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK FOR UPDATES AND CURRENT INFORMATION.** Information will all be available from your school counselor, the school website and social media.

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**\*\*\*Confidentiality Guidelines: Schools should always be a safe environment for students. Strict confidentiality is maintained except when there is imminent personal danger or threat to others. \*\*\***

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# SENIOR FYI

- All college bound students must complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Begin the process of applying for Bright Futures  
<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>
- Seniors are encouraged to apply to their first five college choices
- Take the ACT or SAT for college admissions and scholarship opportunities
- Submit copies of all scholarship awards to your school counselor
- Don't hesitate to ask questions
- Check and recheck your graduation and Bright Futures requirements
- Don't wait until the last minute to apply for colleges and/or scholarships
- Request letters of recommendations EARLY! Students that submit requests early will have priority.
- Transcript Request: <https://needmytranscript.com/>
- Do Research: Scholarships, College, Degrees, Jobs, etc.
- Admin/Faculty/Staff e-mails can be found at: <https://www.navarrehigh.com/staffdepts.html>

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## **August 2020**

24 – First Day of School

## **September 2020**

7 – Labor Day – No School

## **October 2020**

21 – Senior Meeting (Cap/Gown and Invitation Information)

22 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks; Senior Meeting @ 9:30am in the football stadium

23 - Planning Day (No School for students)

28 – Herff Jones – Order Day

## **November 2020**

3 - 1<sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks Report Cards

11 - Veterans Day – No School

23 – 27 Fall/Thanksgiving Break

## **December 2020**

21 – 1 Winter/Christmas Break

## **January 2021**

12 – 13 Semester Exams (Early Release)

14 – Semester Exams; End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester (Early Release)

15 – Planning Day – No School

18 – Martin L. King Day – No School

19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins

28 – 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Report Cards

## **February 2021**

15 – President’s Day – No School

## **March 2021**

15 – 19 Spring Break

## **April 2021**

1 – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks

2 – Good Friday – No School

5 – Planning Day – No School (Storm Day if needed)

6 – 4<sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks begin

15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks Report Cards

TBD – Senior Meeting

## **May 2021**

TBD – Scholarship Recognition Night

TBD – Senior Information Sheet Deadline

TBD – Hall of Fame Awards & Senior Cookout

31 – Memorial Day – No School

## **June 2021**

2 – 4 Senior Exams

5 – Graduation – Pensacola Bay Center – 6:00 p.m.

TBD – Final Report Cards/Diploma Pick-up

*\*Senior meetings will occur occasionally throughout the school year. Please pay attention to announcements, social media, etc., especially if you are an off-campus senior. **ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.***

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 24 credits are needed to graduate
  - 4 credits of English
  - 3 credits of Science (including 1 credit in Biology)
  - 4 credits of Math (including 1 credit in **BOTH** Algebra and Geometry)
  - 3 credits of Social Studies (including 1 credit in World History, 1 credit in US History, .5 credit in Economics, .5 credit in Government)
  - 1 credit in Practical or Performing Fine Art
  - 1 PE credit (to include Health)
  - 8 Elective credits (including 1 online course)

Total = 24 Credits (for information on the *Early Graduation Plan (18-credit plan)*, contact your student's counselor.)

- All students must have 2.0 GPA (unweighted) to earn a diploma
- All general education students must pass both the FSA Reading & Writing Grade 10 Standardized test and the Algebra 1 EOC Standardized Test with a Level 3 or higher. (*For information on ACT/SAT/PSAT/PERT concordant scores, please contact your student's school counselor.*)
- **World Languages are not required for Graduation;** however, admission into most universities requires a minimum of two years of the same language.
- **Community service hours are not required for Graduation;** however, they are required for Bright Futures eligibility.

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# SELECTING A COLLEGE

It is always suggested to apply to 4 or 5 colleges. Generally, we recommend applying to **TARGET** schools, **SAFETY** schools, and **REACH** schools.

- **Target Schools** – are schools where your GPA and test scores are solidly within the average scores of recently admitted students.
- **Safety Schools** – are schools where your GPA and some or all your test scores are within known acceptance scores.
- **Reach Schools** – are schools where your GPA and/or some of your test scores are below the average of recently admitted students. Please note that due to their low admissions rates, the most highly selective colleges should always be considered reach schools.

Most admission decisions at out of state and private schools are holistic and will include a review of your GPA, transcript, test scores, essays, extracurricular activities, recommendations and honors, but academic grades and test scores are often primary importance. Holistic views consider special talents or abilities, unique life experiences, legacy connection, etc. Colleges do not only care about your grades, but your character and what you can bring to their college campus. How involved are you?

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# COLLEGE VISITS

We always encourage students to visit colleges or universities when possible. Visiting colleges can help in your application decision. A good time to tour a college or university campus is during school holiday's in which colleges are still open and in session. Visiting a campus while school is not in session will give you a different feel as compared to when it is in session. Imagine walking into NHS during the summer versus while school is in session. You cannot get a true feel to what that campus life is like when school is not in session.

We know that in our current climate it may not be possible to do an in-person tour to every college or university. Contact Admissions/Recruiting Offices of any college or universities to set up a in-person or virtual tour. Inquire about any preview days that they may have as well. You may also ask if you are able to sit in any classes that are in session.

If you are interested in visiting a college during the school year, please complete the form below and return to the Student Services Office: <https://www.navarrehigh.com/uploads/1/2/7/0/127000888/collegevisit.pdf>

Before leaving the college/university, a member of the college staff must complete the Verification of College Visit form: <https://www.navarrehigh.com/uploads/1/2/7/0/127000888/collegevisitverify.pdf>

This form must be returned to the NHS Attendance Clerk to have your school day absence excused. Students are allowed 2 college visits that will not count towards their absences.

## University/College Representatives on NHS Campus

Throughout the school year, NHS will host University/College recruiters on campus or virtually. Colleges from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida will typically set-up information booths during lunch periods; however, we will host virtual events until further notice due to COVID-19. Some colleges will request student's sign-up for an individual time slot during the school day.

If you have questions about college recruiters on NHS campus, please contact your School Counselor or the Guidance Secretary for more information. Due to our current climate College visits have not been scheduled or confirmed. Listen to afternoon announcements, check social media pages, and/or speak with your School Counselor.

**Visit this website for helpful tips about virtual college campus tours:**

<https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/how-to-research-colleges-without-visiting-a-campus>



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# Local Vocational/Trade School Information

## Locklin Technical College

Locklin Tech is here to meet your technical training needs. They serve both adult and high school students (11th & 12th grades), and business & industry. Their laboratory and shop facilities simulate real-world methods and processes to make the transition from school to employment effortless. Locklin Tech is certified by the Council on Occupational Education and undergoes a thorough certification process every five years.

Locklin Technical Center is a community-oriented educational center which fosters an environment that develops positive student attitudes and achievement supported by active, involved educators, students, families, communities, businesses and agencies. All students will leave the center as life-long learners prepared to pursue a career, continue their education or training, and contribute to a changing society.

For additional information on admissions, programs, or financial aid please contact:

LOCKLIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

5330 Berryhill Road, Milton FL 32570

850-983-5700

<https://www.locklintech.com/>

## George Stone Technical College

George Stone Technical Colleges goal is to serve the community as the premier provider of career and technical education by preparing individuals for rewarding careers and to provide businesses with a highly skilled workforce. We strive to obtain that goal by providing quality academic, career, and technical education opportunities for all learners through instruction that integrates rigor, relevance, and relationships.

George Stone Technical College partners with local businesses and industries to ensure that our training programs are preparing students for high skill, high wage, and high demand occupations. Our graduates are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and work habits necessary to successfully enter the workforce.

For additional information on admissions, programs, or financial aid please contact:

GEORGE STONE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2400 Longleaf Drive

Pensacola, Florida 32526

(850) 941-6200

<http://gstc-ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/>

# ACT / SAT INFORMATION

## 2020-2021 ACT Test Dates

[www.actstudent.org/start](http://www.actstudent.org/start)

CEEB code: 101494

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Online (\$35 fee)
September 12, 13, 19	August 14	August 28
October 10, 17, 24, 25	September 17	Sept. 25
December 12	November 6	November 20
February 6	January 8	January 15
April 17	March 12	March 26
June 12	May 7	May 21
July 17	June 18	June 25

**ACT No Writing**      \$55  
**ACT Plus Writing**    \$70  
 Standby testing add    \$56

*\*See your guidance counselor for information on fee waivers if you are on free or reduced lunch.*

## 2020-2021 SAT Test Dates

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

CEEB code: 101494

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late Online (\$30 fee)
Sept. 26	SAT & Subject Tests	August 26	September 15
October 3	SAT & Subject Tests	September 4	September 22
Nov. 7	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7	October 27
Dec. 5	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5	November 24
March 13	SAT only	February 12	March 2
May 8	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8	April 27
June 5	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6	May 26

**SAT**                      \$52  
**SAT with Essay**    \$68

*\*See your guidance counselor for information on fee waivers if you are on free or reduced lunch.*

# ACT / SAT INFORMATION (cont.)

## The ACT vs. the new SAT

### Format

The ACT has 4 sections (English, Math, Reading and Science) with an optional writing test (essay) at the end.

The new SAT has 2 sections (Math with a calculator / Math without a calculator, Reading / English) with an optional writing test (essay) at the end.

While the essay is optional for both tests, many colleges and universities require the writing section, so be sure to check with the schools where you are applying before opting out.

### Scoring

Each of the 4 sections of the ACT have a total of 36 possible points. The composite is determined by finding the average of all 4 sections. The essay is scored separately.

The new SAT has a total of 800 points on the Math and 800 points on the Reading / English section. The total score is determined by adding the points for each section (1600 possible points). The essay is scored separately.

<https://floridanext.com/sat-or-act/>

Test prep sites:

[www.SoarAtHome.org](http://www.SoarAtHome.org)  
[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)  
[www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com)  
[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

Local ACT/SAT test prep:

Sally Chamberlin	850-384-0932
Terri Benson	850-485-0724
Alice Hart	615-585-2401
Academic Test Center	850-516-4586

SAT provides 8 free practice tests at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/full-length-practice-tests>. The practice tests may be scored electronically by downloading the **Daily Practice for the New SAT** app. Khan Academy then provides custom lessons to improve areas in which you indicate a weakness.

ACT provides a free practice test with scoring key at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

# COMMON APP / COALITION FOR COLLEGE

Common App and Coalition for College are platforms that most college and universities utilize for the admissions process. It is free and you are welcome to create a profile using your personal email. College websites note which platform they prefer to use.

Common App and Coalition for College provides the students with information as for as deadlines, application information, test information, letters of recommendation, etc. for each college you select. The platforms allow students or School Counselors to upload needed documents to one location for multiple colleges and universities.

You will need your School Counselors information when creating your free account. This information can be found on the NHS web page under the Guidance section or by calling the Guidance Office.

For more information on the Common App and Coalition for College platforms visit the websites at:



Common App

<https://www.commonapp.org/>



Coalition for College:

<https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP

Students should visit [www.floridashines.org](http://www.floridashines.org) to review the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship eligibility and State University System course requirements for admission. Evaluations for the scholarship will be based on the most recent transcript (sent twice a year) from the school district. Students may access their records at <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/pay-for-college>.

## **Florida Academic Scholars (FAS) and Florida Medallion Scholars (FMS) Awards**

In addition to the test scores and community service hours listed in the table, students must earn the minimum required weighted GPA in the following 16 credits of college preparatory coursework:

	GPA (WEIGHTED)	COMM. SERVICE	SAT	ACT
4 English 4 Mathematics 3 Science 3 Social Science 2 Foreign Languages (in the same language) 16	FLORIDA ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 3.5	100	1330	29
	FLORIDA MEDALLION SCHOLARSHIP 3.0	75	1210	25

Students may use up to 2 additional credits from courses in the academic areas above to raise their GPA. Go to [www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org](http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org) for complete information.

Award notifications will be posted to students' online account in March 2021. Students may check their eligibility at <http://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/home/uamain.htm>.

**Eligibility Period:** Students who qualify for Bright Futures must begin using their scholarship within 2 years of high school graduation. Funding is available for up to 5 years after graduation. Students who enlist in the military or engage in a full-time religious service obligation lasting at least 18 months may defer the commencement of their scholarship. The 2-year eligibility period will commence upon separation from active duty or the religious service obligation.

**Application Deadline:** Early (mid-year) graduates must apply for Bright Futures by December 31 of their senior year. Test scores may be used through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Spring graduates **may begin applying on October 1<sup>st</sup> of their senior year and must complete their application** before graduation. Test scores may be used through June 31<sup>st</sup>.

These requirements are subject to change with each legislative session.

## **2019-20 Award Amounts for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships**

**Florida Academic Scholarship** – pays 100% of tuition and applicable fees at public postsecondary institutions and comparable amounts at private institutions (\$211 per credit hour at 4-year private schools and \$104 per credit hour at 2-year private schools). Students will also receive \$300 per semester for textbooks and other educational expenses. Classes taken in the summer at public institutions will also be covered at 100%.

**Florida Medallion Scholarship** – pays 75% of tuition and applicable fees at public postsecondary institutions and comparable amounts at private institutions. Classes taken in the summer at public institutions will also be covered at 75%.

**Gold Seal Vocational Scholars** are only eligible to receive funding for Career Certificate Programs, Applied Technology Diploma Programs, or Technical Degree Programs (AS degree).

Award per semester hour:

Career Certificate Programs	\$39
Applied Technology Programs	\$39
Technical Degree Programs (AS)	\$48

# BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP (cont.)

## Community Service Forms:

<https://sites.santarosa.k12.fl.us/forms/901802CommunityServiceHoursCertification.docx>

<https://sites.santarosa.k12.fl.us/forms/901803CommunityServiceHoursStudentLog.docx>

**Both forms must be submitted to the Guidance Assistant or your School Counselor.**

## APPROVED COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE WORKING WITH:

Non-Profit Community Service Agencies and Organizations

Public Schools and Libraries

Officially Recognized Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, etc.

Government Agencies

Hospital and Medical Centers

Convalescent and Nursing Homes

Food Pantries, Thrift Stores, and Meal Programs

Licensed Child Care Agencies

Business or Government Internships

Candidates for Public Office by Providing a Service

**Are you looking for places to volunteer? Check out this website created by an NHS student that features local organizations:**

<https://mlittleduck.wixsite.com/nwflteenvolunteering>

**Check some of these websites as a resource to get started if you're looking for earning Community Service Hours in order to qualify for Bright Futures:**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

[www.feedingamerica.org/take-action](http://www.feedingamerica.org/take-action)

[www.volunteerflorida.org/](http://www.volunteerflorida.org/)

[www.habitatflorida.org/volunteer](http://www.habitatflorida.org/volunteer)

[specialolympicsflorida.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer](http://specialolympicsflorida.org/get-involved/become-a-volunteer)

[www.unitedway.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://www.unitedway.org/get-involved/volunteer)

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)

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# SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Listed below are several websites that you may find helpful when looking for scholarship opportunities.

<https://weirdscholarships.net/>

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

<https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-scholarships.aspx>

<https://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org/SAPHome/SAPHome?url=home>

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships#/fromscholarshipdirectory>

<http://www.mycollegescholarship.org/>

<http://www.scholarshiphunter.com/index.html>

<https://www.raise.me/>

<https://www.varsitytutors.com/college-scholarship>

<https://getschooled.com/>

[www.pensacolastate.edu/financial-aid](http://www.pensacolastate.edu/financial-aid)

[www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)

[www.collegescholarships.com](http://www.collegescholarships.com)

[www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/](http://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/)

[www.TUN.com/scholarships](http://www.TUN.com/scholarships)

\*\*You may want to set up a separate email account, as registering on these websites generates a lot of emails.

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# FAFSA

Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) can be started October 1, 2020. All college-bound students must complete a FAFSA application. Be sure that you are on the correct website: <https://studentaid.gov/> as you will be filling out confidential information. There are several fake websites for FAFSA. If in doubt simply go to any college or universities financial aid website. Students will need to create a free account. It is recommended that students complete the FAFSA application alone or with the help of parents.

The FAFSA questions ask for information about you (your name, date of birth, address, etc.) and about your financial situation. Depending on your circumstances (for instance, whether you're a U.S. citizen or what tax form you used), you might need the following information or documents as you fill out the application:

- Your Social Security number (it's important that you enter it correctly on the FAFSA form!)
- Your parents' Social Security numbers if you are a dependent student
- Your driver's license number if you have one
- Your Alien Registration number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns including IRS W-2 information, for you (and your spouse, if you are married), and your parents if you are a dependent student:
  - IRS 1040
  - Foreign tax return, IRS 1040NR, or IRS 1040NR-EZ
  - Tax return for Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or Palau
- Records of your untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veterans noneducation benefits, for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student
- Information on cash; savings and checking account balances; investments, including stocks and bonds and real estate (but not including the home in which you live); and business and farm assets for you, and for your parents if you are a dependent student

Keep these records! You may need them again. Do not mail your records.

For additional help completing the FAFSA: <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help>



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# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

When you are looking for letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors or an Administrator choose one that has taught you recently and/or with whom you have a great student relationship. The individual should be able to write about you both as a student *and* as a person. Not all colleges require a letter of recommendation, but most scholarships do. Check that information before requesting one.

Keep in mind, that writing recommendations is time consuming for some and most will have limits to how many they will write for the school year, so ask early.

The form below should be used by students when requesting a letter of recommendation:

<https://www.navarrehigh.com/uploads/1/2/7/0/127000888/nhsletterofrecrequestform.pdf>

Individuals may accept or decline a request to write a letter of recommendation. Again, ASK EARLY. After a letter is completed, please write a note to say thank you, and when you choose or are accepted to a college or university or have been awarded a scholarship, be sure to let them know of your acceptance or award.

See your School Counselor if you have additional questions.

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# A Note from Mr. Noack, Principal



Seniors, there is no doubt that the start of the 20-21 school year will be interesting, challenging and at times potentially frustrating for you amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but I know that your work ethic, character, talent and RAIDER PRIDE will continue to shine through and that you will rise to the challenges that present themselves. I encourage each of you to stay positive, work hard, be kind, and make your senior year one to be proud of!

Always know that I am here for you and never forget – It's Greater to be a RAIDER!!!

#Classof2021