



# Senior Spotlight Newsletter

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**SAT Dates** SHS School Code 481345  
Register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT Dates** SHS School Code 481345  
Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

| <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Test Date</u> |
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| 11/08/11                 | 12/03/11         |
| 12/30/11                 | 01/28/12 (BLHS)  |
| 02/10/12                 | 03/10/12         |
| 04/06/12                 | 05/05/12         |
| 05/08/12                 | 06/02/12 (BLHS)  |

| <u>Registration Date</u> | <u>Test Date</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| 11/04/11                 | 12/10/11         |
| 01/13/12                 | 02/11/12         |
| 03/09/12                 | 04/14/12         |
| 05/04/12                 | 06/09/12         |

(BLHS) Bonney Lake High School is a test site.  
Registration must still be through SAT.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO KNOW**

- 10/11/11 Seattle University representative will be on the SHS campus to meet with students.  
Sign up to attend in the Guidance Office.
- 10/13/11 National Christian College Fair 6pm to 8pm Life Christian School & Academy, 1717 S. Union Ave, Tacoma  
Information is located online at [www.nccf.us](http://www.nccf.us).
- 10/17/11 Arizona State University representative will be on the SHS campus to meet with students.  
Sign up to attend in the Guidance Office.
- 10/20/11 University of Washington-Bothell representative will be on the SHS campus to meet with students. Sign up to attend in the Guidance Office
- 10/24/11 Performing and Visual Arts Fair. 6pm to 8pm Fisher Pavilion at Seattle Center, 305 Harrison St., Seattle Information is located online at <http://www.nacacnet.org/EventsTraining/CollegeFairs/pva/Pages/11PSea.aspx>
- 11/04/11 National College Fair 9am to 12pm WA State Convention Center, 800 Convention Place, Seattle Information is located online at [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org). This is largest college fair in the nation with colleges represented from around the nation and some from out of the country.**
- 11/05/11 National College Fair 12pm to 4pm See above.**
- 11/09/11 Whitworth University representative will be on the SHS campus to meet with students.  
Sign up to attend in the Guidance Office.
- 11/10/11 Sumner School District BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL education fair at Sumner High School 6pm – 8pm
- 11/12/11 Permission Slip due for ASVAB – 11/18/11
- 11/14/11 Pacific Lutheran University representative will be on the SHS campus to meet with students.  
Sign up to attend in the Guidance Office.
- 11/18/11 ASVAB – Armed Services Vocational Aptitude test. The high school version of the test is commonly given to juniors and seniors in high school at more than 13,000 high schools and post-secondary schools in the United States. Approximately 900,000 students take ASVAB each year. The primary purpose of this test is not for enlistment in the military, but rather to help high school guidance counselors to council students about what career areas they have an aptitude in.

## **BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL education fair at Sumner High School**

Thursday, November 10, 2011 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Sumner High School is hosting the annual Sumner School District evening education fair. Washington State 2- and 4-year colleges, technical and private trade schools, and apprenticeship programs will have representatives at this event. Workshops include financial aid information, Scholarship 101 and specific college admissions information. Don't miss this great student and parent night!

## **Requesting Transcripts and SAT/ACT Scores**

- *Sending SAT/ACT scores to college* – Most colleges want test scores sent *only* from the test companies and are no longer accepting them from high schools. Decide what college you would like your test scores sent to and use your *one time only* free request option on your test registration. Sending your scores later costs you time and money.
- *Requesting your transcripts from SHS* – Request your transcript through the Guidance Office. Plan ahead as transcripts are not available until the day after a request. All fines must be cleared before your transcript is released.

### **Check Out These Websites**

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| <a href="http://www.collegenet.com">www.collegenet.com</a>     | <a href="http://www.petersons.com">www.petersons.com</a>     | <a href="http://www.campustours.com">www.campustours.com</a>             | <a href="http://www.smexpress.com">www.smexpress.com</a>   |
| <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> | <a href="http://www.finaid.com">www.finaid.com</a>           | <a href="http://www.studentaid.ed.gov">www.studentaid.ed.gov</a>         | <a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>       |
| <a href="http://www.findtuition.com">www.findtuition.com</a>   | <a href="http://www.campustours.com">www.campustours.com</a> | <a href="http://www.onlinecollegefair.com">www.onlinecollegefair.com</a> | <a href="http://www.schoolsoup.com">www.schoolsoup.com</a> |
| <a href="http://www.washboard.org">www.washboard.org</a>       | <a href="http://www.mymajors.com">www.mymajors.com</a>       | <a href="http://www.admissions.com">www.admissions.com</a>               | <a href="http://www.zinch.com">www.zinch.com</a>           |

*Don't forget to look into the scholarships that colleges offer NOW. You would be surprised what is out there. Check out college websites for more information.*

### **Letter of Recommendation**

A letter of recommendation is needed for several reasons, not the least of which is for your college application. The time is *now* to ask a teacher, counselor, or administrator to write a letter of recommendation for you. Early action college applications are due October 01 and many colleges have the regular application due date of November 01. Allow enough time for the person writing the recommendation. Plan to allow that at least a two week turnaround time. People need time to craft a glowing account of your accomplishments to impress admissions officers. Stop by the Guidance Office to pick up a Letter of Recommendation form to complete. When asking someone to write a letter for you have your completed letter of recommendation form and the name and address of the person, college, or committee you need the letter written to.

**Undergraduate Exchange** WUE a program coordinated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, WICHE, to assist students with tuition costs who attend colleges in the western U.S. Through WUE, students in western states may enroll in many two-year and four-year college programs at a reduced tuition level: 150 percent of the institution's regular resident tuition. WUE tuition is considerably less than nonresident tuition. If interested, apply for admission and WUE tuition status directly to the institution of your choice. Mark prominently on the institution's application form that you seek admission as a WUE student. For more information call 303/541-0210 or visit the web site at <http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue/>.

**Mymajors.com** provides useful advice on finding a college major that a high school student with your interests and achievements might enjoy and excel in. Take the short My Major Quiz. Receive five college majors matching your interests and academic experience. Get a free advisement report summarizing your input and ten ranked major recommendations. Mymajors.com gives you a lot of information about these college majors, the types of courses needed to get a degree, what jobs are available, and information and great institutions offering those majors.

### **News For 18-Year Old Male Students**

It is a law that all 18-year-old men register for the Selective Service. Why are you hearing about this is the Senior Spotlight? Because if you have not registered you may be creating roadblocks to your future! You must register to be eligible for Federal Student Loans & Grants, State Student Aid, admission to some State schools, job training benefits and many Federal jobs. Stop by the Guidance Office for help in registering or you can register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

## Senior Spotlight 1 Scholarship List - October 04, 2011

**Instructions:** Read the description for each scholarship and decide which you would like to apply for. If the description includes a website, you must apply and/or get the information through that website.

**American Legion's National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program** *Deadline:12/17/11* The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Scholarship Program - "A Constitutional Speech Contest" aims to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. If you are a high school student who would like to participate, or a teacher or parent of a student who would like to participate, please use the website to gain a better understanding of the contest. To apply for the contest, download the application form in the "Student Application" tab above and return it to your local contest Post or District Chairman as instructed. Information and applications are available online at <http://www.waconstitutionalspeechcontest.org/>.

**APIASF (Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund)** – *Deadline:01/14/12* To apply for this scholarship you must be of Asian or Pacific Islander heritage. Applications will be available online after October 1st.

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** *Deadline:12/15/11* Seniors planning to enroll at a two-year or four-year college or university in the U.S. Must demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in activity at school, the community, and the workplace. Student must be recommended by a non-related adult. Information and applications are available online at <http://www.axa-equitable.com/axa-foundation/AXA-achievement-scholarship.html>.

**Better Business Bureau (BBB) Student of Integrity Scholarship** *Deadline:12/31/11* Student must be a junior or senior with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Write an essay on the topic: Discuss how sustainable business practices and ethics are interrelated. Information and applications are located online at [www.alaskaoregonwesternwashington.bbb.org/scholarship](http://www.alaskaoregonwesternwashington.bbb.org/scholarship).

**Coca Cola Scholars** *Deadline:10/31/11* Nearly 4,800 Coca-Cola Scholars are impacting the world in incredible ways... here's your chance to join them. \$3 million in scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, commitment to community, and academic achievement. Applications are in line at [www.coca-cola-scholars.org](http://www.coca-cola-scholars.org).

**Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete Program - selected monthly** This is the 3rd year of the Scholar Athlete Program, which recognizes outstanding student athletes who perform both on the field and in the classroom. The Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete Program will give a \$100 scholarship to two student athletes a week starting in January through the end of April. The winners will be eligible to receive one of two \$1,000 scholarships awarded to one male and one female and named Davis Law Group Scholar Athlete of the Year. Students must have the least a 3.0 GPA, attend a Washington State high school, be classified as a senior through class credits and perform as a main contribution in his or her sport(s).

**E.S.A. Foundation Scholarship (Epsilon Sigma Alpha)** *Deadline:02/01/12* The ESA Foundation offers more than 150 scholarships. For information about the scholarships, requirement and applications are located online at [www.esaintl.com/esaf](http://www.esaintl.com/esaf). Click on Scholarship Application on the left sidebar. Click ESA Foundation Scholarship Application and Guidelines. Print the application. Go back to items under ESA Foundation Scholarship and click on Current List of ESAF Scholarships available in Washington State. Student may apply for three scholarships and must pay a \$5 processing fee for each.

**Elks Legacy Awards** *Deadline:02/01/12* 250 \$4000 scholarships to children & grandchildren of dues-paying Elks members who are high school seniors, going on to college, and exhibit the values of the Elks National Foundation: knowledge, charity, community and integrity. Applications must be completed on-line: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm>

**John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest** – *Deadline:01/07/12* This is the 50th anniversary of the Kennedy Presidency. Write an original and creative essay of 1,000 words or less that demonstrates an understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in Profiles in Courage. First -place winners receive a \$5,000 cash award and \$5,000 to grow in a John Hancock Savings Plan. Second place winner receives a \$1,000 cash award and up to five finalists each receive a \$500 cash award.

**Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship** *Deadline:01/15/12* Students submit an essay that describes their career, vocational, or academic goals. Awards are unrestricted at to GPA and financial need, nor membership in MENSA. Information and applications are located online at [www.mensafoundation.org](http://www.mensafoundation.org). Click on Mensa Foundation's Scholarship Programs.

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** *Deadline:11/01/11* Recognizes students who have demonstrated exemplary community service. Applications are due to the Guidance Office no later than 11/01/11. Information and applications are available online at [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit).

**Seattle Hiroshima Club Scholarship** *Deadline:12/20/11* Three \$1000 scholarships to the descendants of earlier or currently active members of the Seattle Hiroshima Club. Award based on completed application, honors and awards, extracurricular, community involvement, recommendations and essay. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

**The Princeton Prize in Race Relations** *Deadline: 01/31/12* Each year the Princeton Prize in Race Relations, a program sponsored by Princeton University, seeks to honor students in grades 9-12 who are doing outstanding work in their school or communities to advance the cause of race relations. Application and Information is online at <http://www.princeton.edu/pprize/application/>

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**Tall Clubs International College Scholarship** *Deadline:Varies* Seniors planning to attend college in the fall. You must be tall: Women over 5'10", Men over 6'2". Read the webpage completely – there are strict rules. Information online at [www.tall.org](http://www.tall.org) and click Scholarships.

**Voice of Democracy** *Deadline:11/01/11* Students write an essay based on the 2011-2012 theme: "Is There Pride in Serving in Our Military?" Students record their reading of the draft to a CD. The recording should be no shorter than 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds). Entries begin at the Post level. Once the student has created their essay and completed burning the audio version to a CD, they should submit their typed version, CD and the Voice of Democracy entry form to their local participating VFW Post no later than 11/01/11. Information and application is available online at <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/>.

**Washington Aggregates and Concrete Association** *Deadline:11/28/11* Essay contest \$500 scholarship open to all high school students ages 16-18. Essays should demonstrate a student's awareness of concrete's role as a building material in homes, commercial buildings, streets and highways. Entries must be typed, double spaced and not to exceed 600 words. Information and applications are available online at [http://www.nrmca.org/products/awards/essay\\_contest.asp](http://www.nrmca.org/products/awards/essay_contest.asp).

**Washington Space Grant Consortium** *Deadline:01/09/12* Seniors, Running Start and Early Entrance students applying for a Space Grant Scholarship. This annual competition is for students who intend to study science, technology, engineering or mathematics at the University of Washington. Information and applications are available online at <http://www.waspacegrant.org/UWschol.html>.

**Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth** *Deadline:11/18/11* Seniors currently in Foster Care. Applicants must be dependent youth in state care; on track to graduate; have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0, plan to attend an eligible college or university in the state of Washington, and has lived in Washington at least three years. Information and applications are online at [www.collegesuccessfoundation.org](http://www.collegesuccessfoundation.org). Click bottom right on WA Governors' Scholarship Application.