

STAYING ON TRACK SENIOR YEAR

SEPTEMBER 2023

- ☐ **Sept. 6 Senior Class Presentation**
- ☐ **Sept. 9 ACT (optional)**
- ☐ **Sept. 13 School Pictures**
- ☐ **Sept. 14 and 15 Dual Credit Registration with Helena College**
- ☐ **Sept. 25 College Fair at Carroll College, 1:30pm**
- ☐ Ask teachers, counselors, and other adults who know you well for letters of recommendation for scholarship and admissions applications
- ☐ Verify college admissions and financial aid deadlines
- ☐ Talk with college recruiters when they visit campus
- ☐ Visit the schools in which you have an interest.
- ☐ Create an FSA ID

OCTOBER 2023

- ☐ **Oct. 2-13 College Application Week**
- ☐ **Oct. 7- SAT National Test (optional)**
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to discuss your post-secondary plans
- ☐ **Oct. 28 ACT (optional)**
- ☐ **Oct. 31 Senior Pictures Due to Megan Walsh**
mwalsh@helenaschools.org
- ☐ Work on your college applications. Go online and find your prospective university's home page. Then find the "Admissions" tab. You should be able to download a paper copy and/or complete the application online.

The Common Application is a useful tool if you are planning on applying to several out-of-state schools. Montana's public universities use ApplyMontana.com to host their common app.

NOVEMBER 2023

- ☐ Nov. 4 SAT National Test (optional)
- ☐ Nov. 6 Second Quarter Begins
- ☐ **Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving Break**
- ☐ Search and apply for scholarships. This is a tedious process, but it is a necessity! There is free money available, but students have to complete the process in order to get it. So many scholarships go unused simply because students didn't apply for them, especially in the spring.

Follow the HHS online scholarship list! Check it every week for updates. You can also pick-up a printed version of the list in the counseling office.

A few tips: Use a calendar to keep track of deadlines! If you need a letter of recommendation give the author 2-3 weeks advanced notice. Fill out the scholarship forms in blue or black ink, or, better yet, type it. If the scholarship requires an essay, put

forth a solid effort. Have an adult proofread your work. Stay motivated! Applying for scholarships is an investment of time and effort, and it can pay off in the end.

DECEMBER 2023

- ☐ **Dec. 2 SAT (optional; it's important to take or re-take the SAT by this date for scholarships)**
- ☐ **Dec. 9 ACT (optional; it's important to take or re-take the ACT by this date for scholarships)**
- ☐ **Dec. 22 – Jan. 1 Winter Break**
- ☐ Search and apply for scholarships

JANUARY 2024

- ☐ **Jan. 1 Personal Yearbook Ads due to Ms. Walsh**
- ☐ Jan. 2 First day back from break
- ☐ **Jan. 15 No School MLK Jr. Day**
- ☐ **Jan. 17 Semester Testing**
- ☐ **Jan. 18 Semester Testing**
- ☐ **Jan. 19 Semester Testing**
- ☐ Search and apply for scholarships

FEBRUARY 2024

- ☐ **Feb. 10 ACT (optional)**
- ☐ 7th semester transcripts/class rank available
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships, especially local ones.

MARCH 2024

- ☐ **Mar. 9 SAT (optional)**
- ☐ **Mar. 15 MUS Honors Scholarship Deadline**
- ☐ **Mar. 25- 29 Spring Break**
- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships, especially local ones.

Interested in the military, apprenticeships, or the workforce? Please visit the HHS Counseling webpage for resources.

<https://hhs.helenaschools.org/counseling-and-career-guidance/>

APRIL 2024

- ☐ Continue applying for scholarships, especially local ones.

MAY 2024

- ☐ **May 1- Decision Day! Time to share your post high school plans!**
- ☐ **May 3** Vigilante Day – No School
- ☐ **May 6 - May 17** Advanced Placement Exams
- ☐ **May 29 and 30:** Final Exams for Seniors
- ☐ **May 30 Graduation Rehearsal**
- ☐ **May 31 No School for Seniors**

JUNE 2024

- ☐ **June 1 Graduation Day!**
- ☐ Request your final transcript to be sent to your college/university (don't forget about college transcripts if you took a class for dual credit)

Helpful Information

Helena School District: www.hhs.helenaschools.org

HHS Counseling Website:

<http://hhs.helenaschools.org/counseling-and-career-guidance/>

HHS Scholarship List:

bit.ly/scholarshipphhs

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| Carroll College | www.carroll.edu |
| Montana State University | www.montana.edu |
| MSU Billings | www.msubitings.edu |
| MSU Northern Havre | www.msun.edu |
| Montana Tech | www.mtech.edu |
| Rocky Mountain College | https://www.rocky.edu/ |
| University of Montana | www.umt.edu |
| UM Helena | www.umhelena.edu |
| UM Western Dillon | www.umwestern.edu |
| University of Providence | https://www.uprovidence.edu/ |

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| SAT Registration | https://sat.collegeboard.org/register/ |
| ACT Registration | www.myact.org/ |

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| FSA ID | https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm |
| FAFSA | https://fafsa.ed.gov/ |

Common Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/>
Montana Common App: <https://applymontana.mus.edu/>

Transcripts: Request in the counseling center or go to www.parchment.com

Jostens Rep: Travis Belcher
406.443.3844 or www.mtgrads.com

Montana University System Course Placement Requirements

ACT Requirements

MSUB, MSU, UM, Western, MT Tech

ACT score: 22

SAT score: 1120

Northern

ACT score: 20

SAT score: 1050

ACT scores below 22 will require remedial classes before college coursework

SENIOR PICTURE GUIDELINES

While we encourage you to explore your options during the photo session, there are a few things to act on when it comes to submitting your yearbook photo. Please have your professional photographer submit your senior picture following these instructions:

1. Photos must be submitted in a digital format by email (mwalsh@helenaschools.org) or on CD. The digital image must be no smaller than 4x6 inches and 300 dpi. They must be saved as lastnamefirstname. For example, Anna Smith would be Smithanna. Photos taken on a cell phone are NOT high enough resolution and may be denied for print.
2. Image must be good clarity and detail. Image should be made from the original digital image or negative. No special effects permitted.
3. All photos MUST be in color. No black and white or sepia photos will be accepted.
4. Scanned images from photographs may not be accepted due to loss of quality in the scanning process.
5. Photos must be a professional looking portrait from the waist up.
6. No props may be visible, i.e. cars, animal, flags or instruments. We would rather highlight you on the other pages in this manner.
7. Dress should be appropriate attire; standard school dress is suggested.

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