

SENIOR TIMELINE

CLASS OF 2018

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

- **NWTC accepts applications on a first come-first served basis. NWTC applications for Fall 2018 open Monday, September 11, at 8:00 a.m. Online applications are encouraged. The paper application fee is \$40, and the online application fee is \$30.**
- NWTC has a **5 day application window** & will accept admissions applications **only** from September **11-15** for the following Summer 2018 wait list: **Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS), & Radiography**. A written essay is required for DMS & Radiography. The essay must be completed on a NWTC campus. You can make an appointment with the testing facility at NWTC, Marinette. Biology & Chemistry need to be completed with a 'C' or better at the time of application for Nursing—Associate, Radiography and DMS only. Chemistry can be in progress at the time of application for all other Associate Degree Health Programs. Accuplacer Test benchmarks met or an appropriate ACT score is required for NWTC program acceptance. Grade point average may supersede these tests. A 2.6 GPA will allow you to meet the academic requirements needed for program entry with the exception of some specific health related programs which require a minimum GPA of 3.0. If you do not meet the GPA requirement then benchmarks must be met in the Accuplacer or ACT assessments.
- Gather information about various tech schools and colleges and apply to those you select as most appropriate for you. All colleges and tech schools prefer that you do your applications on-line. You can begin application online process for UW colleges. The UW colleges will start to process applications on **September 1**. Visit www.apply.wisconsin.edu to use the UW system online application process for admission. The UW application fee is \$50. When you apply on-line, remember to inform Mr. Verkerke in the Guidance Office so we can mail your transcript. It is necessary to send an official transcript & ACT score to complete your application file with each college application. The official transcript includes a Peshtigo High School seal and must arrive at the college admissions office in an official PHS envelope. We will send a copy of your ACT score to your college, however, some colleges only accept official copies through the ACT website.
- The Guidance Office needs to be aware of all of your applications you submit with your possible majors so you can be notified of information relevant to you.
- **UW campuses begin processing applications September 1** for the Fall semester. Application priority dates and deadlines vary from campus to campus, & sometimes among different programs at the same campus. **It's to your advantage to apply early!**
- If you are applying to a selective or highly selective college it is important to get your application in as soon as possible.

- Please make an appointment to meet with Mr. Verkerke to discuss your plans for next year—schooling, working, military service, etc...
- Explore career opportunities this year by participating in career exploration field trips and arranging job shadow experiences with Mr. Verkerke.
- The large senior group picture was Picture Day last year. Picture Day this year is: Tuesday, September 19.
- If needed, register & take the October 28 ACT. The regular registration deadline is September 16. Late registration is open until September 22. Registration is on-line (www.actstudent.org). Materials are also available in the Guidance Office. The Peshtigo High School Code is: **501-780**.
- Method Test Prep is a company that our school has contracted with to prepare you for the ACT. This is a 20 week program that can specifically help you prepare for the ACT. You will create a username and password when entering the website after your initial sign up. Visit: <http://app.methodtestprep.com/PeshtigoHighSchool/signup>
Referral code—tkn.71707190
- Another online interactive test prep program is: March 2 Success. It is sponsored by the U.S Army and is a free service with no obligation. There are 7 timed practice tests that you can take advantage of. Sign onto the site at: www.march2success.com
- If you need to take the Accuplacer for NWTC programs it can be administered in the Guidance Office. Make arrangements with Mr. Verkerke.
- Explore a college match/profile/scholarship service at: www.cappex.com
- Visit with the representatives from tech schools and colleges. Learn about the variety of programs available. Sign up for the rep visits in the Guidance Office. Listen to the announcements for the visits.
- 3 senior photos are due ASAP. 1 picture for the video to the senior making the video, 1 vertical picture to the front office for the collage & 1 vertical picture for the yearbook (must be in by November 1 to be in the yearbook).
- Sometime in September, Senior '18 shirt orders will be taken. You must pay at the time of ordering.
- Sign up to attend the Wisconsin Education Fair Tuesday, October 17. You may register online at: www.wefs.org/registration & you will receive a barcode, which will place you in the data base for all participating schools at the Wisconsin Education Fair. Visit with the representatives from technical schools and colleges. Learn about the variety of programs available.
- October 1 is the deadline to apply for Youth Options for a 2nd semester class at UW Marinette. Youth Options will pay for your course at taken at the UW-

Marinette campus. This program specifically is for seniors enrolled at UW-Marquette in Calculus. Applications can be secured from the Guidance Office.

- **October 1 the FAFSA form can be submitted for the 2018-19 year.** This is completed online at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> It is a free service. You will need to fill out this form with your parents to apply for financial aid for your college/tech school freshman year. The tax information you will use for this form will be tax and income information from 2016. You may apply for financial aid prior to completing your college applications. Your FAFSA information can be sent to 10 colleges. It is in your best interest to complete this process early.
- Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you want to participate in college Division I or Division II athletics. Apply on-line at: www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- If you are interested in military service, meet with recruiters and take the ASVAB (military aptitude test) to determine which training programs are available to you.
- Work to improve your G.P.A. and maintain a strong attendance record—both are important for further education and jobs.
- If you have not already been doing so, devote time to community service. It is a component of many scholarship applications.
- Announcements of scholarships will be made available as they become known. Scholarship Watch notices will be emailed to you, placed in senior classrooms as well as on the Guidance bulletin board. Pay attention to the announcements. Available on the internet are sites that you might want to explore for scholarships: www.fastweb.com, www.cashe.com, www.salliemae.com, www.gocollege.com and www.anycollege.net.
- The first quarter ends November 2.

NOVEMBER

- Attend an **important financial aid meeting** with your parents on **Wednesday November 1 at 6:00 pm in the Lecture Room**. Learn how to complete the financial aid form (FAFSA). A financial aid representative from NWTC will answer questions and explain the financial aid process.
- Submit applications for tech schools or colleges if you have not already done so.
- Register for the December 9 ACT by November 3.
- College Goal Wisconsin dates are yet to be scheduled. Your family can get free assistance preparing the FAFSA throughout Wisconsin at participating sites. UW Marquette is a listed site and will be participating in the program. Last year the date was in early November. Other participating sites are available in the Guidance Office. For details go to: <http://www.collegegoalwi.org/>
- Explore careers and educational programs of interest if you are still undecided about next year.

- Visit college & tech school campuses.
- Although the date is not yet set, there is generally a senior class meeting in late November in the Lecture Room. Josten's order forms will be handed out. Also Senior will and mosts forms are handed out. You will vote on any unresolved issues at this time.

DECEMBER

- Take the December 9 ACT if needed.
- Process late applications for schooling next year.
- If applying for scholarships, note specific deadlines.
- Attend the College Symposium on December 22. Prior registration is required. A panel of PHS graduates who are attending various colleges & tech school will share information about their schools and about college life in general.

JANUARY

- Register for the February 10 ACT by January 12.
- Prepare for semester exams. GPA and rank continue to be important. Semester ends January 18.
- Learn admissions status from college and tech schools on all applications mailed prior to November 1st. Some colleges may wait until semester grades are available for review

FEBRUARY

- Take the February 10 ACT, if needed.
- Seek advice regarding employment, the military, apprenticeships or other opportunities if you are not planning to go on to further education.
- Submit late applications for any tech or college program if you have not already done so.

MARCH-APRIL

- Review financial aid information from your various colleges and tech schools as you receive it. Involve your parents and seek assistance from Mr. Verkerke if needed.
- A listing of local scholarships will be made available to all seniors in March. Applications will be available in the Guidance office. I will have a senior class meeting and hand out the local scholarship application to all seniors. Scholarship criteria include: character, leadership, academics, & community service.

- Maintain good grades and regular attendance. **Avoid *senioritis*.** All college and technical schools request 7th and 8th semester grades. Schools want to make sure that you are still the student that they accepted! The 3rd quarter marking period ends March 22.
- Finalize plans for next year. If college or tech school is the plan, notify those schools you've decided not to attend. If working full time is the plan, start your job search now.

MAY-JUNE

- AP Exam dates:
 - AP English Literature & Comp-May 9, 8:00 am
 - AP Government-May 10, 8:00 am
 - AP US History- May 11, 8:00 am
 - AP Biology-May 14, 8:00am
 - AP English Language & Comp-May 16, 8:00 am
 - AP European History-May 18, Noon
- Notify Mr. Verkerke of your final plans for next year—which colleges, tech schools, what job,...
- Notify Mr. Verkerke & the main office where final transcripts should be sent. All colleges and tech schools require an official final high school transcript.
- If you took a dual enrollment class or classes through UW-Marinette, UW-Green Bay, or UW-Oshkosh you must have your college transcript sent to your chosen college or tech school. You can do this online or contact the college directly. You need to take care of this yourself as we do not have any authority over your college transcript.
- Wednesday, May 16th is the Senior Awards at Little River Country Club from 5:30-6:45. The Senior Banquet is from 7:00-10:00.
- Begin application process for student loans at your local bank, if needed.
- Work hard on semester exams. Final senior exams are May 21-24. Final GPA & rank determined by May grades.
- The Peshtigo Women's Club will hold a Senior Tea for Senior girls (date TBA)
- The Senior Picnic is Friday May 25th.
- **Graduation is Saturday May 26!**
- Final high school transcripts will be sent to the college/tech school of your destination in mid June. You must contact any college that you took a dual enrollment course from & request that your college transcript be sent to the college/tech school of your destination. You must also send your AP scores to your college destination.