**Springstead High School Class of 2020**

**2019-20 Senior Year Checklist**

\_\_\_\_ Visit the Springstead Guidance webpage for important information regarding SHS courses**, see your credit check online**, planning for your future, testing information and career information and assessments. This important webpage will link you to the information stated below.

\_\_\_\_Continue to take challenging, rigorous courses with a focus on your post-secondary plans. Yes, colleges do look at senior courses, including rigor and grades! Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or ACT test scores AND a bare minimum of **18 academic credits**. **Academic credits** are in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.

\_\_\_ A senior should take the SAT and the ACT college entrance exams. These tests are required for most 4-year colleges and universities. Concordant scores for the FSA-ELA and Algebra 1 EOC can also be met with these tests. Register for the SAT and ACT online. Fee waivers (if applicable) are available in the Guidance Office. SAT online information is at www.collegeboard.org and ACT online information is at www.act.org. SHS’s CEEB number is 101624 and we are a test site for ACT and SAT. Free test prep is available on the internet at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT), [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) (SAT) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) (ACT). There are also private companies available for a fee that provide test preparation.

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| **ACT Dates** | **Registration Deadlines** | **SAT Dates** | **Registration Deadlines** |
| September 14, 2019 | August 16, 2019 | August 24, 2019 | July 26, 2019 |
| October 26, 2019 | September 20, 2019 | October 5, 2019 | September 6, 2019 |
| December 14, 2019 | November 8, 2019 | November 2, 2019 | October 3, 2019 |
| February 8, 2020 | January 10, 2020 | December 7, 2019 | November 8, 2019 |
| April 4, 2020 | February 28, 2019 | March 14, 2020 | February 14, 2020 |
| June 13, 2020 | May 8, 2019 | May 2, 2020 | April 3, 2020 |
| July 18, 2020 | June 19, 2020 | June 6, 2020 | May 8, 2020 |

\*fee waivers are available for students in need – see your counselor for details

\_\_\_\_Undecided about what you want to do in the future? Go to www.mycareershines.org. This will give you suggestions of possible future careers you may want to investigate further based on your interests.

\_\_\_\_Students will need to take and pass one complete course online for the 24 credit standard diploma. Most students achieve this through Hernando eschool or Florida Virtual School. The website is ehernando.weebly.com; if redirected to FLVS, be sure to choose Hernando as the servicing virtual school.

\_\_\_\_Check the website www.floridashines.org for COLLEGE INFO and to see your own transcript evaluation and your BRIGHT FUTURES GPA! Create your own login ID and password. This is also an excellent resource for researching Florida colleges and careers and interest exploration.

\_\_\_\_The SHS webpage also has scholarship information. Click the scholarship link for information regarding local scholarships and national scholarships/clearinghouses. The site is updated as local applications become available.

\_\_\_\_ SHS hosts university and college representatives during the school day. Listen to the announcements or check the Guidance Office Bulletin board outside the guidance office for dates and times, as well as sign-up sheets to attend the meetings.

\_\_\_\_Prepare a résumé of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation for you should be given a copy of your resume.

Remember to give that person a minimum of two weeks to write the letter! Brag sheets are available in guidance and on the SHS website and are useful for a personalized recommendation letter.

\_\_\_\_ Transcripts for colleges are requested online on the SHS Guidance website.

\_\_\_\_Explore the Florida Department of Education’s financial aid website through the Office of Student Financial Assistance. This site will give students a preview of state grants, scholarships, and loans (including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program) available for post-secondary education. The website address is [www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaidsg.org).

\_\_\_\_ **FAFSA** is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and can be completed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). All students wanting to continue their education after high school are encouraged to complete the FAFSA in order to see eligibility for financial aid at the post-secondary level. The FAFSA application opens **October 1** and should be completed as soon as possible.

\_\_\_\_Complete the community service hours needed for Bright Futures, our state scholarship program. See SHS Guidance website for details and to access your BF evaluation. Volunteer packets are available in the guidance office. Students should apply now for Bright Futures at [www.floridastudentfinancialiadsg.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialiadsg.org). Courses and GPA must be completed by graduation (June 1, 2019) and students may meet test requirements through June 30, 2019

Bright Futures Requirements for the Class of 2020

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| High School Graduation Year 2019 | SAT (Verbal and Math Only) | ACT (Composite Score) |
| Florida Academic Scholars (100 Volunteer hours)3.5 Minimum Weighted Grade Point Avg. | 1290 | 29 |
| Florida Medallion Scholars (75 Volunteer hours)3.0 Minimum Weighted Grade Point Avg. | 1170 | 26 |

\_\_\_\_ Dual enrollment is available at PHSC to students with 3.0 GPA and the required test scores. Visit the SHS Guidance webpage for information and instructions on the enrollment process and course offerings.

Dual Enrollment Requirements

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| ACT | 19 Reading | 17 Writing | 19 Math (Int. Algebra 21(College Algebra) |
| SAT | 24 Reading | 400 Math (Int. Algebra) | 420 Math (College Algebra) |
| PERT | 106 Reading | 103 Writing | 114 Math (Int. Algebra)123 Math (College Algebra) |

\_\_\_\_ The senior RED form is located in the guidance office and used to track college acceptances and scholarship money earned. Please submit documentation so that we can celebrate your accomplishments. This form can be updated often as you receive information.

\_\_\_\_ Graduation will be here soon! Whether you plan to work and earn money, enlist in the military, attend vocational school or attend college – have a plan!