

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

Bolton ACT Boot Camp continues this week!

- **Sign up for the UPCOMING ACT Boot-camps at Bolton- Tues-Thurs. March 7-9th from 2:25-3:25 (you pick one subject a day).** You may pick and choose which sessions you want to attend. Sign up in M212.
- **REP Session Sign-up-** Christian Brothers University (Memphis, TN) Seniors must have 18 + 2.75 GPA and juniors need a 2.75 GPA. Seating is limited so sign up ASAP in M212. Priority will be given to admitted seniors. The session will be Thurs., Mar. 23rd at 12:45 (A day).
- **Mon., Mar. 6th-Tues., Mar. 7th-** "Zombie Prom" at the Bolton Stage Light Theatre. 7pm. Student tickets \$5, all other s \$10. Come see this hilarious show!
- **Tues., Mar. 7th-** ALL juniors begin bubbling pre-testing information for state ACT test in junior English classes. There is no online registration for the state ACT. Remember this test is a REAL ACT test. You may use the score for college admissions, scholarships, etc. ALL juniors are encouraged to take the ACT at least twice before your senior year begins. All ACT testing dates may be found at www.actstudent.org
- **Wed., Mar. 8th-9:30am** Austin Peay State Univ. rep session-This session is full except for seniors who have been admitted.
- **Wed., Mar. 8th-ALL day-** Walk -IN Wednesday in M212.
- **Thurs., Mar. 9th-** M212 closed.
- **Fri., Mar. 10th-10:45-noon** in library-30 Plus club- Pre-Spring Break Dessert and Game Fest. Bring your lunch-Dessert, drinks provided☺
- **Fri., Mar. 10th- 1:00pm-**National Honor Society induction in the Bolton Stage Light Theatre.

Mon., March 13-Fri., Mar. 17th- SPRING BREAK! ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **Tues., Mar. 21st- State ACT testing.** Report to first period and then go to your testing room. Bring your photo ID, pencil, a calculator (if you would rather use yours instead of a school calculator) and a snack. **If you do not have a photo ID then an ID letter will be made for you in English class during the week before spring break.**
- **Mandatory TN Achieves meeting for seniors who are still eligible.** Wed., March 29th -Sign in begins at 4:50; the meeting will start promptly at 5:30 and it should be finished by 6:30pm. Parents are encouraged to attend but a parent may not attend in place of the student.

Scholarships:

- Open to all students: **Heart of a Marine Scholarship.**
Deadline March 31, 2017
<http://www.heartofamarine.org/scholarships>
- **Greater Memphis Community Foundation** <https://www.cfgm.org> Due April 3rd
 - Community Foundation Award-Community involvement
 - Stephen Lowe Scholarship-Scholar athlete and leader.
 - Ruby Holmes Hefley-Student whose parent is disabled.
 - Kylene Bares-Student who will go into engineering related field.

Second Semester Senior Checklist

Important Websites and Help Lines:

1. Federal Financial Aid-FAFSA= www.fafsa.gov
2. Federal Student Aid ID-FSA ID= <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
 - a. 800-433-3243 (Help with FAFSA and FSA ID)
3. State Financial Aid-TSAC student portal (Hope lottery programs)
<https://clipslink.tsac.tn.gov/studentstsignon/>
 - a. Help Desk 800-342-1663 Option 1
4. ACT Testing- www.actstudent.org
 - a. 319-337-1270
5. Financial Aid Verification forms (ONLY use if required by college)
 - a. Tax Transcript request- <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript> (Form 4506-T #6)
 - b. Verification of Nonfiling (Form 4506-T #7)
 - c. You must use separate forms for parent and student.
6. TN Achieves (TN Promise scholarship)
 - a. www.tnachieves.org Claire Brulatour Claire@tnachieves.org 335-3480 cell

CHECK OFF THESE ITEMS ☺

- _____ Parent tax info from 2015 must be on your FAFSA and resubmitted. Both you and one parent must sign the FAFSA electronically.
- _____ The college where you will attend must be listed on your FAFSA.
- _____ If you are attending college in Tennessee, the college must be chosen on your TSAC Portal (#3 above). Most seniors made this account when applying for TN Promise or dual enrollment classes.
- _____ When you get accepted to a college, you must use information on your acceptance letter to access your student portal (this is different than the account you made when you completed your admissions application).
- _____ VERY IMPORTANT- Your student portal on your college's website will contain your financial aid awards and other crucial information. You must activate your college e-mail account because the college will ONLY communicate with you through this e-mail account, SO check it REGULARLY.
- _____ Check your Financial Aid Award information on your college's student portal. If it says "You have been chosen for Verification" then you MUST complete all required documents to get your financial aid (TN Promise, Federal Pell Grant, etc.). You may need to have the following documents (see #5 above):
1. Parent Tax Transcript
 2. Verification of Non-filing (usually needed if student did NOT file taxes in 2015)
 3. Contact the college's Financial Aid Office if you need help.
- _____ VERY IMPORTANT- You will have a Verification deadline (if you were chosen for Verification) and it MUST be met for you to receive your financial aid. MANY students do not know that they have lost their financial aid money until they are told to pay for their first semester in college. You must REGULARLY check your college e-mail and financial aid award info in your student portal.
- _____ You will be e-mailed through your college e-mail when you may register for New Student Orientation. You should register for an EARLY orientation so you will have a better choice of class times and there will be more open seats in classes.
- _____ Make your housing arrangements if you are living in the dorm. Make your housing deposit and choose your housing and food plan.
- _____ Complete your community service requirement for TN Promise by the following deadlines: April 1st if you are attending the TN College of Applied Technology and July 1st if you are attending a community college. Go to www.tnachieves.org to submit hours.

Important Senior Dates Spring 2017

- March 29** Balfour will deliver graduation supplies at 1:30pm in the cafeteria. (This does not include cap and gown or tickets.) This includes graduation announcements and other optional supplies that seniors have ordered from Balfour.
- April 3-4** Graduation Ticket Request form distributed in English classes. Each senior will receive 10 tickets.
- April 6-7** Graduation Ticket Request form due to Senior English teacher. **No one will be allowed to enter the graduation ceremony without a ticket. Children 12 and under and Shelby County School employees with a photo ID will not need a ticket.**
- April 8** ACT Testing at Bolton (reg. registration deadline March 3rd)
- April 13** Senior breakfast (\$5 ticket, time TBA).
- April 17-21** Seniors request FINAL TRANSCRIPTS in Senior English classes with Mrs. Warren. 1st free others \$6
- April 19** Seniors who are **NOT** meeting graduation requirements will be notified. These students are not eligible to receive graduation tickets until May 16th from 9:00am-11:00am.
- April 22** **Junior/Senior Prom Woodland Hills, "Enchanted",** 8 pm – Midnight. See Bolton website for forms and more information.
- April 27** Seniors pick up 10 graduation tickets 7th period. Seniors must be passing ALL required courses **and** must have returned signed Graduation Ticket Request form in order to be eligible to receive graduation tickets on this day. **Tickets will be held until May 16th if seniors are failing any required class.** (Electives will only be considered if students are lacking 22 total credits.) Parents of eligible seniors may pick up graduation tickets on April 24 & 25, during these times 6:30-7:15am or 1:45-2:30pm in Vice Principal's Office.
- May 2** Senior fee balance (\$180) must be paid by this day to receive cap and gown on Fri., May 5th.
- May 5** **"Senior Day"** - Senior Awards Assembly, Senior Picnic and Cap and Gown Distribution. The last day for exempt students with no absences.
- May 8-10** Last day for exempt seniors; May 8th-1 abs., May 9th-2 abs., May 10th – 3 absences
- May 11-12** Senior Exams- May 11th (A day) exam periods 1,3,5,7 May 12th (B Day) periods 2,4,6,7
- May 12** Last day for seniors to complete all online coursework (by 2 pm).
- May 12** **Seniors must clear ALL holds in order to receive diploma and to have final transcript sent.** (Holds-ex. Book fines, class fees, activity fees, etc.)
- May 14** **Baccalaureate** (optional) 2:00 pm at Bellevue. Students arrive by 1:45pm in their cap/gown in the chapel. The program will be in the sanctuary.
- May 17-18** Seniors will be notified if they did not meet graduation requirements.
- May 19** **Graduation Rehearsal** (mandatory for all participating students) - at Bellevue. Students arrive at 7:15 a.m. Wear your senior class t-shirt or other Bolton t-shirt (or blue or gray shirt).
- May 20** **Graduation** 3:00 p.m. at Bellevue Baptist. Students arrive at 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. (Seniors-Leave home early and allow for heavy traffic!)
- May 20** Project Graduation-Graduates only lock-in with games, food and prizes for those attending. Ticket-approx. \$20 and it will be from 11:00pm-5:00am.
- May 25-26** Final transcripts will be mailed.

Student Dress (Baccalaureate and Graduation)*All grad. gowns are Bolton blue. Students keep gown, stole, cap and tassel.

Young Men:

Dress Shirt and Tie, Dress Slacks (no jeans), Socks are required, Solid shoes (no tennis shoes, sandals, boots), Preferably No Ear Rings (definitely no dangling earrings). No face piercing. NO CELL PHONES!!

Young Ladies:

Dress, skirt or dress pants (no jeans), Shoes (heels- not too high since you have to climb steps to walk across the stage. No flip-flops of any type). Leave purse with parents/friend. No face piercing. NO CELL PHONES!!

Graduation DVD and photo: A DVD of the graduation ceremony will be available online at Bellevue.org for a nominal fee. Also, Holland Studio will take two photos of the graduating senior, one receiving diploma and the other an individual picture taken with the diploma. These will be available for viewing online and may be purchased online through Holland. The photos will be taken of all graduates and parents have the option to purchase afterwards.

Graduation Streaming: The graduation ceremony will be streamed online through the Shelby County Schools website and/or Bellevue website: www.bellevue.org/graduations