Junior Calendar

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| **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER** | **OCTOBER** | **NOVEMBER** | **DECEMBER** | **JANUARY** |
| * Register for PSAT * Continue refining your list of target schools. * Research schools on the internet or vis books and visits. * Update your resume with any new information. * Plan next two years’ extra-curricular and community service activities. * Think about when to take the SAT or ACT tests. * Develop your tentative “test plan.” | * Take PSAT to be eligible for National Merit Scholarship competition.      * Study hard! Aim for an A or B grade point average. Do extra credit whenever you can. * Start a personal file updating information for your resume. * Locate and organize all awards, articles, prizes, etc. earned. * Acquaint yourself with resources at your school. | * Keep grades up. Improvement counts.      * Get to know your junior year teachers, as these may be the best ones for letters of recommendation. * Take SAT Subject Tests, such as Language Tests With Listening, if appropriate. * Continue research on specific colleges. * Improve your vocabulary! Learn 20 new words a week. * Think about college majors. * **READ**!!!! | * Study Hard! * Take SAT Subject Tests if appropriate. * Register for SAT if you would like to take it in January. * Receive results of PSAT/NMSQT. Use the results to develop a prepping strategy to improve your SAT scores as needed. * **READ** over break!! * Fill up your spare time with as much community service, volunteer work, club or sport activity etc. as you can. | * Continue college research. * Compare PSAT and projected SAT results to the averages at your target schools. * First chance to take the SAT. * Continue prepping for the ACT in February. * Be Sure to have your Social Security Number and your school EEB code number. * Consider SAT prepping for the March or May tests. |
| **FEBRUARY** | **MARCH** | **APRIL** | **MAY** | **JUNE/JULY** |
| * Register for SAT if you would like to take it in March.      * Continue preparing for the SAT or ACT. * Take ACT. * Remember how important junior grades are for your class rank and college applications. * Plan a challenging Senior curriculum. (*An easy schedule can impact your choices.)* | * SAT Testing * Research interesting and challenging summer courses, jobs or volunteer activities. * Have your target list down to 10-12 schools. * Plan college visits to nearby colleges. * Register for SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Tests if you plan to take any in May. * Sign up for AP tests in your AP class subjects. * Plan a challenging Senior schedule – no Senioritis. | * ACT Testing * Plan an interesting and challenging summer. * Get into the databases (mailing lists of your target schools (via internet). * Attend college fairs. * Write letters of intent to the service academies if applicable (military). * Prep for AP exams if applicable. * College visits during Spring Break? * Think about financing college – will you need financial aid? * **READ**!!! | * SAT testing. * Students who will be applying to Early Decision or Early Action should try to complete all testing during junior year. * Take your AP Exams. * Don’t forget to study for your high school finals! * Use Scholarship Search programs that might be available to you. (*No need to pay for this.)* | * SAT and ACT tests as desired. * Arrange college tours for summer. Call Admissions office of schools to set up tours and interviews. * Do something extra with your resume in mind. * Prep for ACTs/SATs and work on vocabulary – READ!! * Keep extra-curricular activity and community service efforts going. * Refine your college list. * Use your summer to start applications and/or essays at any schools you are certain to apply to. |

Senior Calendar

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| **AUGUST/SEPTEMBER** | **OCTOBER** | **NOVEMBER** | **DECEMBER** | **JANUARY** |
| * Utilize NAVIANCE to set up a file for each target school.      * Start applications. * Attend all high school and college-related meetings. * Meet with school/college counselor and ask questions. * Identify all the application deadlines for your schools and fill out checklist. * Get your school’s CEEB code and have it handy along with your SS#. * Finalize your resume. * Register for Sept. or Oct ACT/SAT if needed. * Ask teachers for letters of recommendation if your colleges want them. * Request interviews at privates whenever they are available. * Get a good senior picture, formal or informal. * Print practice apps for your schools even if you will be doing them online. | * Obtain and file FAFSA forms ASAP after October 1 using last year’s tax return. * Attend BD FAFSA Frenzy. * Attend Financial Aid Speaker. * Take SAT/ACT as needed (register for Nov/Dec if needed.) * Work on applications, submit these due by October 15 or November 1. * Think about essay topics. Brainstorm. * Keep grades up. Senior grades count! * Did you obtain all letters of recommendation needed? * Decide about applying early decision (you can only do one!) * If you’re an athlete, talk to coach(es). * Are any of your target schools visiting your high school? | * Attend any workshops/meetings offered by your high school. * Think about financial needs. * Work on essays and applications, submit for Nov 15 or Dec 1 deadlines. * Watch deadlines! * Don’t procrastinate with your applications! The earlier the better. * Want t take the ACT/SAT one more time? * Have your high school send transcripts to colleges that want them. * Send thank you notes to anyone who helped you (letters of recommendation, etc.) * Be sure your SAT/ACT scores have been sent to all your colleges after your last test. | * Usually last chance at the standardized tests. * Use it if you need it. * Study Hard! You can’t afford to let your grades slip. * Be sure to report your test scores to all your colleges. * Use the internet to research scholarships. * Finish any remaining applications! Proof them over and over. * Have others read your essays to be sure they demonstrate something unique about you. * Send your final resume with your application to your private schools. * Think about financial aid needs and familiarize yourself with the forms. * Keep copies of everything you send. * If accepted Early Decision, inform other schools. | * The last of the applications should be due this month for fall admission. * Are your test scores sent? * Transcripts sent as required? * Letters of recommendation in? * Be sure your FAFSA is filed. Everyone should do this regardless of need. * Consider using CSS/profile for aid if your college(s) takes it. (College Board website). * You may need a GPA verification for some state grants (research this). * Attend financial aid workshops at your school or elsewhere. * Research private scholarships via internet * Have mid-year transcripts submitted to colleges that require it. |
| **FEBRUARY** | **MARCH** | **APRIL** | **MAY** | **MAY/JUNE** |
| * Finish financial aid forms (FAFSA-MO). Timing matters! Being late can cost you. * You can estimate the financial aid you will receive. * Pay attention to correspondence from colleges. * Keep your grades up – offers can be rescinded! | * FAFSA form due 1st. *(Review the SAR you will receive to be sure it is using the right data.)* * Wait for acceptance letters. *(Pay attention to all forms and deadlines.)* * Consider appealing a rejection. *(If it was your first choice and you have a compelling reason for them to reconsider.)* * Notify your counselor when you receive college decisions and write waitlist letters if appropriate. | * Congrats on all your acceptances – you must select a school by May 1. * Final campus visits, if needed, to help make your decision. * Talk to people who can help you decide: alumni, older friends who are there, parents, and your counselor. * Review and discuss financial aid offers as part of your decision-making process. These can be appealed also. | * Most of your schools must be notified by May 1 with an SIR form. * Plan summer employment. * Pay attention to housing and meal plan information contained in your acceptance letter(s). * Inform the schools you will NOT be attending as well. * If needed, research loans (PLUS, Stafford, etc.) to make up for any financial gap after aid results are known. | * Order final transcript and anything else to be sent to your college. * If you were enrolled in Dual Credit classes, order transcripts from each College for each Course and send to your college. * Consider computer needs for next fall. * Attend all orientations at your college. * Do some extra research on your college to think about what activities you will pursue. * Respond to any financial aid offers you received. * Keep READING! * Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you! |