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.
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| **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.
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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.
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| **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!
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