

# Junior Parent Meeting

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# GUIDANCE

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Spring



# Prepare a challenging schedule for senior year

- Meet with your counselors to determine what classes you will take next year.
- Make sure you are on track for graduation with credits

# Take the *ACT* or *SAT*

- Our office recommends taking in *April* or *June*

# Gather college information (The How)

- Go to college fairs ,attend college rep visits and speak with college representatives who visit DB
- Use an online college finder to search top college lists
  - Ex. Naviance

# Gather college information (The What):

- Entrance requirements
  - Tuition
- Room and board costs
  - Course offerings
  - Student activities
    - Financial aid

# **Make sure you're meeting any special requirements**

- **If you want to play Division I or II sports in college, start the certification process**
- **Check with counselor to make sure you are taking the cores that meet the NCAA requirements**



## **Start thinking about and contacting people for your recommendation letters**

- **Some colleges want recommendation letters with application**
- **Ask teachers who know you well and will have positive things to say**

# Apply for summer job or internship

- Summer employment and internships in fields you're interested in will look appealing on college applications

# Set up appointments at your top college choices if available

- To set these appointments up:
- Visit admissions website to contact about tours, personal interviews, etc.

# Summer

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# Visit College

- Try and visit as many college campuses as you can
- Take a tour and speak with the admissions and financial aid staff

# **Organize Financial Aid Information**

- **Develop a plan that includes a list of aid sources, requirements for each application and timetable for meeting deadlines**

# Start working on your application essays

- Compose rough draft
- Have someone proofread

# **A+ Program**

**A+ Scholarship Program provides scholarships funds to eligible graduates of A+ designated high schools who attend a participating public community college or vocational/technical school, or certain private two-year vocational/technical schools**



# **A+ Requirements**

- 1. GPA minimum of 2.5 avg at graduation**
- 2. Maintain at least a 95% cumulative attendance record over the 4 years**
- 3. 50 hours of unpaid tutoring/mentoring of other students**
- 4. FAFSA Completed**

# A+ Requirements

- 5. Good Citizenship (disqualification include: suspension from school for the use of drugs or alcohol, if involved with fights, assault or connected with a felony)
- 6. Males must register with selective services within 30 days of 18th birthday
- 7. US citizen or permanent resident

# ACT and SAT

- 50-60% of schools are reverting to testing being mandatory
- University of Missouri system is definitely going back to test required.

## Advantages

Testing puts you in line for  
any possible institutional  
scholarships

## Disadvantages

If the score is too low it  
could impact the admission  
decision

## Remaining ACT Dates for 2023

| <b>ACT Date</b> | <b>Registration Deadline</b> | <b>Late Registration Deadline</b> |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 15, 2023  | March 10, 2023               | March 24, 2023                    |
| June 10, 2023   | May 5, 2023                  | May 19, 2023                      |
| July 15, 2023   | June 16, 2023                | June 23, 2023                     |

# Remaining SAT dates for 2022-2023

| SAT Date     | Registration Deadline | Late Registration Deadline |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| May 6, 2023  | April 7, 2023         | April 25, 2023             |
| June 3, 2023 | May 4, 2023           | May 23, 2023               |

# FAFSA

- Determines eligibility for federal, state and institutional aid, including loans
- FAFSA addresses the varying costs at different institutions

# FAFSA

- Opens: October 1st
- Update when 2023 taxes are complete
  - Closes: April 1st (for Missouri)
  - Must be completed annually