

JUNIOR YEAR CALENDAR

AUGUST

- Start your year off right. Talk with your school counselor about your options and your plans. Be sure to ask about test dates for the PSAT, SAT, AND ACT. You'll need to register up to six weeks ahead of time.
- Sign up for courses with your eyes on the prize: college and money to pay for it! A tougher course load may pay off with scholarships and may get you a better chance to get admitted to the school of your choice.
- Start investigating private and public sources for financial aid. Take note of scholarship deadlines and plan accordingly ([Fastweb](#)).
- Sign up for extracurricular activities to boost your college applications.

SEPTEMBER

- Review your transcript. Have you or are you scheduled to fulfill required courses for graduation?
- Compile a list of your accomplishments, extracurricular activities, volunteer and work experience, and update those on your EDP and your resume.
- Find out about schools you are interested in attending. Treat your school selection process like a research paper. Make a file and gather information about schools, financial aid, and campus life to put in it. Go to college fairs and open houses and learn as much as you can about various schools.
- Meet with College Representatives from colleges you are interested in when they come and schedule visits to colleges. Fall, winter, and spring break are good times to visit because you can observe a campus when classes are going on. Talk to the College Advisor for more information.
- Attend *Planning For College Night*. Check your email for date and time.
- Attend *College and Career Night Out*. Check your email for date and time.

OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT.
- Update your EDP. Have your careers of interest changed?
- Sign up for SAT or ACT prep courses.
- Do your top college picks require essays or Letters of Recommendation? Now is the time to begin planning your essays and choosing whom you'd like to ask for a Letter of Recommendation.

NOVEMBER

- Sign up to take the SAT ([The SAT – SAT Suite of Assessments | College Board](#)) or register for the ACT ([MyACT](#)).

DECEMBER

- Begin the application process for service academies (West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, etc.).
- Check your second semester schedule. If you failed a class first semester, see your counselor to retake the class.
- Investigate the College-Level Examination Program or CLEP, which grants college credit for achievement in exams covering many different college-level subjects ([CLEP](#)).

JANUARY

- Exams are coming soon. Good luck studying! Stay healthy!
- Meet with your counselor to develop your senior schedule.
- Organize your Individual Graduation Plan.

FEBRUARY

- Think about lining up a summer job, internship, or co-op.
- Plan campus visits for spring break.

MARCH/APRIL

- Write a resume on Career Cruising.
- Take the SAT.
- Visit colleges.

MAY-AUGUST

- Register to retake the SAT and practice to improve your scores at [SAT Practice and Preparation – SAT Suite | College Board](#)
- Stay involved in activities.
- Work to help pay for future college expenses.
- Visit colleges.
- Get a job or summer internship.