

JUNIOR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register for PSAT. - Continue refining your list of target schools. - Research schools on the internet or via 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" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take PSAT to be eligible for national Merit Scholarship competition. - Study hard! Aim for 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue college research. - Compare PSAT and projected SAT results to the averages at your target schools. - First chance to take the SAT. - Be sure to have your Social Security Number and your school CEEB code number. - Consider SAT prepping for the March or May tests.
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register for SAT if you would like to take it in March. - Begin to prepare for SAT or ACT. - Remember how important junior grades are for your class rank and college apps. - Plan a challenging Senior curriculum. <i>(An easy schedule can cost you an acceptance.)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 aid? - READ! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAT testing <i>(many counselors think it is best to reserve May and June for SAT Subject exams in the subjects you will be finishing this year)</i> - Students who will be applying 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 to investigate scholarships that might be available to you. <i>(no need to pay for this)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAT and ACT tests as desired. - Arrange college tours for summer. Call Admissions office of schools to set up tours and interviews. - Visit colleges. Take tours and do interviews if offered. - Do something extra with your resume in mind. Develop your "ACE"! - Prep for SAT's and work on vocabulary – READ! - Keep extra curricular activity and community service efforts going. - Refine your college list. - Athletes, register with NCAA Clearinghouse if applicable.