

COLLEGE BOUND CALENDAR FOR JUNIORS

CHECK LIST

AUGUST

- Log on to **Naviance** account and complete the Junior Survey, Resume and update if needed “Do What You Are” questionnaire.
- Use the school’s planner to stay organized!

SEPTEMBER

- Clarify your career plans and continue to study hard for good grades.
- Check announcements for college representatives visiting campus (Naviance).
- Get involved in activities; genuine involvement in one is better than token participation in several.
- Begin to study for the **PSAT** that will be given in October. You may be eligible for a scholarship with your score.

OCTOBER

- Begin to develop a lists of your interests.
- Create a list of at least ten colleges/universities that you are interested in attending.
- Mark the date for the College Fair being held at Saint Joseph on your calendar. Plan to attend.
- Read the **PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin** when it is distributed. Take the practice test and score it.

NOVEMBER

- Explore college and university opportunities through the following:
 - a. Visiting with the college reps that come on campus
 - b. Attending college day and night programs
 - c. Read college resources in the college career center and on Naviance
- Begin to involve your parents in the college choice process.
- Study hard and continue to maintain good grades.
- Plan to take the **SAT Reasoning and/or Subject Tests** and/or the **ACT Test** in March.

DECEMBER

- Review your **PSAT** scores.
- Visit CSUMentor, Common Application UC pathways to review the college application.
- Visit fastweb, finaid calgrants websites for financial aid and scholarship information.
- Talk with high school graduates who are home from college.
- Prepare for Semester Exams; colleges look at your Junior grades.

JANUARY

- Continue your career exploration using Naviance. Review your Career inventories which Are on file in the College Career Center.

FEBRUARY

- ___ Begin to think about your senior year courses, will they meet the college requirements?
- ___ Try to narrow down your list of ten colleges to a list of five, list on Naviance.
- ___ Search for scholarships on. SJHS lists scholarships sent to the school on Naviance.
- ___ Update your high school activity sheets using the Naviance Resume.

MARCH

- ___ Sign up for the May or June **SAT Reasoning** or **SAT Subject** or **ACT Test**.
- ___ Check the College Career center for summer enrichment programs.
- ___ Consider taking the SAT Subject Tests for courses in which you are currently enrolled.
- ___ Plan to take your Advanced Placement Test(s).
- ___ Plan your senior schedule with your advisor.
- ___ Work hard to maintain good grades.

APRIL

- ___ Develop your preliminary list of colleges and send for information.
- ___ Attend college presentations.
- ___ Plan visits to colleges that interest you.
- ___ Research financial aid opportunities and search for scholarships.
- ___ Attend any national or regional college fairs in your area, see notices on the College Center bulletin board.

MAY

- ___ Prepare for finals.
- ___ Identify teachers whom you can ask for a letter of recommendation.
- ___ Take **SAT Reasoning** and **SAT Subject** Tests or **ACT Test**.
- ___ Take Advanced Placement Test(s).
- ___ Continue the college search, and discuss with it with your college counselor.
- ___ Plan summer visits to colleges.

JUNE

- ___ Take **SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Test or ACT Test**.
- ___ If you don't have a job, try volunteering in areas which you find interesting or are thinking of as a first career.
- ___ Have a good summer, but remember to read all of the books on the reading list.
- ___ During summer take time to analyze your test results—is there anything you would like to improve?
- ___ Work on drafts for college essays.

SUMMER AFTER JUNIOR YEAR

- ___ Visit college campuses, visit college websites and talk to friends in college. Gather Information needed for completing college and scholarship applications
- ___ Request applications from your top choice colleges
- ___ Get started on college application essays by writing sample drafts
- ___ Sign up for ACT or SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests in Sept, Oct or Nov
- ___ Log on to your Naviance account and update your resume, review survey information, and your college list