

## College Counseling - Junior Class

### Academic Achievement, Testing, College Information

#### **Academics**

1. Continue to work on keeping your grades at their highest level.
2. Take a challenging course load and continue your school and community involvement.
3. Review in your student planner our graduation requirements, college entrance requirements and the eligibility index.
4. Use your Naviance Family Connection Test Prep to prepare for the SAT Reasoning Test and general review of your math and English skills.

#### **Testing**

1. Review your EXPLORE, PLAN and PSAT results from the last three years. Prepare for the SAT Reasoning and SAT Subjects tests as well as the ACT, which you should take this year in the spring, and again in the fall of senior year.
2. You can test through the December test dates of your senior year but, it does cause you unneeded stress. Try for your qualifying score this year. Review the eligibility index and translation table in your Student Handbook.
3. Use the available resources to prepare for these tests – Naviance, College Center and Media Center Test prep books, College Board and ACT websites, internet.
4. Review the requirements for testing at the college(s) you are planning to apply to.
5. **California State Schools** require the SAT Reasoning or ACT; **University of California Schools** require the SAT Reasoning or ACT **and** two SAT Subject Tests. **Private Schools** vary on their admission requirements and you should check with them directly.

#### **College Information**

1. Begin to visit colleges on our non-school days.
2. This summer while on vacation, visit as many schools as you can.
3. Start your college search. Use your Naviance log in information to research careers, colleges, and utilize the SAT Test Prep on the site. You may also want to visit your “High School Planner” on [www.csumentor](http://www.csumentor) as well as [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for practice online tests. Scholarship information is also available at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) A list of other helpful internet sites is also available on our school web site on the College Counseling page.
4. Use your COPS and Self-Directed Search Career Interest Inventories as well as the Naviance Personality Type questionnaire
5. Refer to your College Bound Calendar for Juniors Check List often!