

## COLLEGE TIMELINE JUNIORS

### August/September

- Review your credits/graduation plan and make sure you are on track for graduation.
- Remember, colleges are looking for the following:
  - Challenging coursework
  - Strong GPA
  - Involvement in extracurricular activities
  - Community Service
- Begin to prepare for the SAT/ACT.
- Plan to attend College Fair in the fall.
- Put together a list of 10 colleges you are interested in. Plan to apply to at least 3-5 schools.
- Talk to your parents and counselor about where you want to go to school.
- Study and register for the PSAT. Additional practice materials available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### October

- Take the PSAT/NMSQT

### November

- Continue building your resume in Naviance.
- Look into eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans.

### January

- PSAT score report should be in. Use the guide to interpret and understand your score.
- Visit the websites of the colleges that interest you most. Plan to visit the campus of those colleges that interest you. Look for summer enrichment programs specifically geared for rising seniors.
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you are planning to play college sports.

### February

- Register and study for the SAT and ACT exams.

### March/April

- Plan a college visit during spring break.
- Begin investigating outside funding resources of financial aid.
- Plan a program of study for your senior year. Learn about opportunities to earn college credit or advanced placement. Take as many academic courses as possible.
- Register for AP tests.
- Register for college entrance tests.
- Begin working on your Resume in Naviance, listing awards, extracurricular activities, work experience and other pertinent information.

### May

- Take the SAT and/or Act exam (both are recommended)
- Take AP exams for which you have registered
- Consider scheduling college visits for the summer

### June

- Obtain a summer job that might be related to your career interests.
- Look for volunteer opportunities
- Save money, if possible, to help pay for college costs.
- Make a list of the advantages and disadvantages of each college.
- Check out college websites
- Create a list of persons who you will ask to write a letter of recommendation for you.