**JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE**

**Some specific things to be on the lookout for this year include:**

**September-October:**

* Begin college planning by thinking about and researching majors and careers which may be of interest to you.
* Begin requesting college material from schools you are interested in.

**November:**

* Counselors begin to meet with students and parents/guardians to complete an Individual Graduation Plan (IGP). Discussions focus on academic progress, the course selection process and career plans.

**December:**

* If you took the PSAT, results are returned to students.

**February-March:**

* During this time, students should register for the Spring SAT/ACT exams if planning to attend a four-year college. Register online at the [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (SAT) and/or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (ACT). \*Students will be have the option to take either ACT or SAT at school during their junior year.

**April-June:**

* Take the SAT/ACT and/or SAT subject exams, if applicable. The SAT and/or ACT are required for admission to almost every four-year college, and most students take it in their junior year.
* Register with NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse, [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org), if you plan to play intercollegiate sports at an NCAA college.
* Start to develop a list of colleges that interest you.

**June-August:**

* Look for a great summer opportunity such as work, internship or volunteer positions. The summer before your senior year is also a good time to visit colleges. Students should call for an appointment to avoid visiting a campus when it may be closed or between semesters. An interview with an admissions officer is advisable.
* Begin working on your academic resume to include your academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities and work experiences since you started high school.

**SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE**

**There is a LOT to do this year so take a deep breath and try not to get overwhelmed. Here's a checklist to help keep you on track:**

**September-October:**

* Retake the ACT/SAT if necessary.
* Begin filling out college applications and writing admission essays.  Be aware of deadlines and participate in College Application Day.
* Meet with your school counselor for the Senior IGP.
* Begin gathering information for financial aid and create your FSA ID. The financial aid application opens October 1st.
* Attend FAFSA Completion Night for additional help filing.

**November:**

* Retake ACT/SAT if necessary.
* Take appropriate SAT Subject Tests if necessary.
* Research scholarships on Naviance.

**December/January:**

* Make sure all admissions applications are completed, test scores have been sent and your transcript has been requested on Parchment.

**March-April:**

* Consider your college options and compare financial aid packages.
* Decide where to go and send in admission/enrollment deposit (if required) to reserve your space.  You must tell every college whether you are accepting or rejecting their offer of admission or financial aid.

**May:**

* Request your final transcript to be sent to the college of your choice through Parchment. Select “Hold for Final Grades”.

**June:**

* Graduation