

Junior Planning Checklist

September/October

- Investigate college credit courses
- Register and take PSAT
- Attend a college fair
- Start your college search (Naviance)
- Focus on grades
- Volunteer and join clubs/sports
- Register at scholarship websites
- Take a Test Prep Course & get practice guides
- Utilize Method Test Prep
- Student Athletes register with NCAA

November/ December

- Check your PSAT score report online and get started on Khan Academy for test prep
- Find your Social Security Number for college apps
- Talk to adults about their college experiences

January/February/March

- Register for the ACT or SAT in the spring
- Schedule visits at local colleges
- Begin search for scholarships
- Register for the AP Exams
- Begin search for scholarships
- Update your list of extracurricular activities
- Visit colleges during spring break
- Attend college fair at the BHS
- Practice for admissions interviews

April/May

- Meet with Your Counselor
- Sign up for June SAT and/or ACT
- Start planning summer college visits
- Make sure your senior year schedule fulfills college requirements
- If you plan to play sports, send a letter of interest to prospective colleges
- Begin to write your personal statement/college essay
- Ask for letters of recommendation

June/ Summer

- Use Naviance Family Connection to compile a list of colleges that you wish to apply to in the fall
- Visit top colleges
- Ask teachers and counselors for letters of recommendation
- Register for September ACT

Senior Planning Checklist

September

- Attend a financial Aid Night
- Polish your list of colleges
- Register at commonapp.org
- Start your applications
- Register for October SAT/ACT
- Meet with counselor; finalize college list on Naviance Family Connection, including safety, target, and reach schools
- Ask counselor for college app fee waiver (you will need to qualify for free or reduced lunch)
- Begin writing college essay if you haven't already
- Continue scholarship searches local and national
- Get student and parent FSA Id number for FAFSA
- Complete activity resume

October

- Decide if you are applying early action (EA) or early decision (ED)
- Get feedback on your college essay from teachers/counselors
- Polish your application essays
- Complete the FAFSA – Need prior year tax return

November

- Finish applications and essays
- Be sure to keep updating colleges on Naviance Family Connection
- Apply to colleges with rolling admissions, EA, and ED
- Submit student transcript request form to counselor
- Complete all final applications

December

- Apply for scholarships

January/February

- Contact colleges that all application materials have been received

March

- Begin receiving decisions from colleges – update Naviance Family Connection with results!

April

- Compare financial aid packages
- Make a final decision, accept the aid, mail a deposit check, and notify other colleges that you will not be attending. Tell the guidance office where you are going. **MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1st**

May/June/Summer

- Send AP grades reports and final transcripts to college
- Enjoy Graduation!