

Junior To-Do List

What to do now:

- Maintain good grades and develop meaningful relationships with teachers
- Start thinking about plans for after graduation & have open/honest discussions with your parents/guardians – keep them in the loop
- Develop a testing timeline (SAT, ACT, or Test-Optional)
- Register for the SAT or ACT (collegeboard.org and/or actstudent.org)
- Under the “College” section in Naviance, complete the “College Preference” section
- Start thinking about which two junior year teachers you will ask for a letter of recommendation (Do not actually ask until May-June)
- Start thinking about your summer plans (part-time job, volunteer, camp, enrichment, etc.)
- Plan to continue to challenge yourself senior year (carefully consider course selection choices)

What to do by Spring Break:

- Plan your spring college visits, especially over the break! (Register online for tours, info sessions, and open houses)
- Continue to modify your list of “Colleges I’m Thinking About” in Naviance
- Use analysis/scattergrams on Naviance to determine a balance of meet, safety, reach schools
- Register for SAT or ACT, if appropriate, for May/June
- Solidify your summer plans

What to do by the last day of school:

- Ask two teachers in person for a letter of recommendation
- Review the Common Application/Coalition essay topics and jot down some ideas/brainstorm
- Have an idea/rough draft for your main college essay
- Create a Resume under “About Me”
- Complete the following: Student Brag Sheet (under “About Me”, then in “Surveys”) & Parent Brag Sheet (under “About Me”, then in “Surveys”) by July 1st

What to do over the summer:

- Continue researching schools and going on college visits
- Finish your Resume under “About Me”
- Complete summer work for AP classes, if necessary
- Start working on the Common Application & Coalition application - they go live August 1st!
- Work on your application essays and supplements
- Update or finalize your list of “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance
- Register for fall SAT and/or ACT, if necessary