

JUNIOR CHECKLIST

Junior Countdown to College:

FALL

- Keep up with your class work to earn the best grades you can. The junior year is very important. College applications will include transcripts through junior year, and college admissions will look closely at that year's achievement.
- In October, prepare for and take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)
- Talk to your parents and Guidance Counselor about possible careers and college choices.
- Investigate various majors in which you have an interest and the colleges that offer them. Possible resources include www.learnmoreindiana.org, www.indianacollegecosts.org, www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org
- Check college web pages, Facebook, and Twitter for up-to-date scholarship information, college representatives' visitation dates, and important deadlines.

WINTER

- Set up a filing system with individual folders for each college of interest.
- As you continue to investigate colleges, plan visits to your top 3 to 5 choices.
- Register to take one or both of the College Entrance Exams – SAT or ACT. Some of the testing dates may conflict with spring extracurricular activities. Plan ahead. SAT dates are January, March, May and June; ACT dates are February, April, and June.
- Complete your senior schedule. Include classes from at least 4 of the academic areas - English, social studies, science, math, and world language - each semester. Be sure your selections are appropriate for your college and career interests and that you are meeting high school graduation and college admission requirements.
- Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT exams using the results of your PSAT, the SAT and/or ACT preparation booklet and the reviews given on the following websites: SAT – www.collegeboard.com, ACT– www.actstudent.org, and both – www.number2.com.

SPRING

- Make campus visits during spring break. This can be helpful since colleges are in session and you can get a better impression of the environment of the school.
- Begin narrowing your choices for colleges based on your investigations and visits.
- Take or retake the SAT and/or ACT exam.
- Attend the UCHS College Fair in the Gym; over 30 two- and four-year colleges will be represented there.
- Starts looking at the scholarship list in the Guidance Office so you know what kind of qualifications are necessary to apply for various scholarships.

SUMMER

- Make college visits if you have not already done this.
- Make preliminary decisions on the colleges to which you are going to apply.
- If you are considering playing sports for a Division I or II college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and/or the NAIA Eligibility Center to be sure you are certified eligible for college sports programs.