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# JUNIOR CALENDAR

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| **SEPTEMBER**  - Register for PSAT.  - Continue refining your list of target schools.  - Research schools on the internet or via books and visits.  - Update your resume with any new information.  - Plan next two years’ extra-curricular and community service activities.   - Think about when to take the SAT or ACT tests – develop your tentative “test plan” | **OCTOBER**  **-** Take PSAT to be eligible for national Merit Scholarship competition.  - Study hard! Aim for A or B grade point average. Do extra credit whenever you can.  - Start a personal file updating information for your resume.  - Locate and organize all awards, articles, prizes etc. earned.  - Acquaint yourself with resources at your school. | **NOVEMBER**  - Keep grades up. Improvement counts.  - Get to know your junior year teachers, as these may be the best ones for letters of recommendation.  - Take SAT Subject Tests, such as Language Tests With Listening, if appropriate.  - Continue research on specific colleges.  - Improve your vocabulary! Learn 20 new words a week.  - Think about college majors.  -READ! | **DECEMBER**  - Study Hard!  - Take SAT Subject Tests if appropriate.  - Register for SAT/ACT if you would like to take it in January.  - Receive results of PSAT/NMSQT. Use results to develop a prepping strategy to improve your SAT scores as needed.  - READ over break!  - Fill up your spare time with as much community service, volunteer work, club or sport activity etc. as you can. | **JANUARY**  - Continue college research.  - Compare test results to the averages at your target schools·  - First chance to take the SAT.  - Be sure to have your Social Security Number and your school CEEB code number.  - Consider SAT prepping for the March or May tests. |
| **FEBRUARY**  - Register for SAT/ACT if you would like to take it in March.  - Begin to prepare for SAT or ACT.  - Remember how important junior grades are for your class rank and college apps.  - Plan a challenging Senior curriculum.  *(An easy schedule can cost you an acceptance.)* | **MARCH**  - Research interesting and challenging summer courses, jobs or volunteer activities.  - Have your target list down to 10-12 schools.  - Plan college visits to nearby colleges.  - Register for SAT, ACT or SAT Subject Tests if you plan to take any in May.  - Sign up for AP tests in your AP class subjects.  - Plan a challenging Senior schedule – no Senioritis! | **APRIL**  - ACT testing  - Plan an interesting and challenging summer.  - Get into the databases (mailing lists) of your target schools (via internet)  - Attend college fairs.  - Write letters of intent to the service academies if applicable. (military)  - Prep for AP exams if applicable  - College visits during Spring Break?  - Think about financing college – will you need aid?  - READ! | **MAY**  - SAT/ACT testing  *(many counselors think it is best to reserve May and June for SAT Subject exams in the subjects you will be finishing this year)*  - Students who will be applying Early Decision or Early Action should try to complete all testing during junior year.  - Take your AP exams.  - Don’t forget to study for your high school finals!!  - Use Scholarship Search programs to investigate scholarships that might be available to you.  *(no need to pay for this)* | **JUNE**  - SAT and ACT tests as desired.  - Arrange college tours for summer. Call or go online to Admissions office of schools to set up tours and interviews.  - Visit colleges. Take tours and do interviews if offered.  - Do something extra with your resume in mind.  - Prep for SAT/ACT   and work on vocabulary – READ!  - Keep extra curricular activity and community service efforts going.  - Refine your college list.  - Athletes, are you registered with NCAA Clearinghouse? |