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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? |