

Junior Year Checklist

- _____ 1. Meet with the counselor to discuss what to do to prepare to apply to college.
- _____ 2. Take the PSAT in October and go over the results. Work on weak areas.
- _____ 3. Do a web search of colleges, narrow down your search and visit those colleges.
- _____ 4. Take advantage of opportunities presented by the counselor, faculty and administration regarding scholarships, service, etc.
- _____ 5. Register for the SAT and ACT to take early second semester. Prepare for them, studying at least 20 hours. Retake for a better score if you need to but prepare again first. Don't take more than three times.
- _____ 6. Update your portfolio.
- _____ 7. Request congressional nomination form and preliminary applications for the service academies and complete these if you are interested in attending a military college (West Point, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy...). Apply for summer week at camp at the military academy you want to attend.
- _____ 8. Keep up with your Community Service Project.
- _____ 9. Request letters of recommendation from your pastor, teachers, work supervisors, coaches, etc. See that these are completed before school begins in the fall of your senior year.
- _____ 10. If you plan to participate in intercollegiate sports in college, talk with your coach and contact the colleges you wish to attend and request the proper forms (if they are not on the website). You must file with the NCAA Clearing House if interested in playing at a Division 1 or 2 college. Go online to their website to do this.
- _____ 11. Walk with God and pray for wisdom and discernment to make wise choices for now and in the future.
- _____ 12. Build and protect a good reputation with teachers and fellow students.

- _____ 13. Ask three teachers second semester to write a recommendation for you and have them e-mail them to the counselor.
- _____ 14. Write an essay on your goals for the future. It should include your passions and be a window into who you are.
- _____ 15. Review your transcript to make sure that it is completely accurate.
- _____ 16. Complete applications as soon as they are available online. It may be good to print them out, fill them out, and then put in the information on the application online. Plan to do as much as possible over the summer so that you alleviate much of the stress in the fall meeting the November deadline for early decision, and early action. See the “Juniors- Steps Towards College” list for the definitions of each.
- _____ 17. Do a scholarship search on the internet and in printed materials. When searching online, use personal identifiers (things unique to you) combined with terms like fund, trust fund, foundation, fellowship, etc. (e.g. Blind Scholarship Foundation). Also search for scholarships for community or national brands like WalMart, Target, Taco Bell, Chik-Fil-A, etc. Stay away from websites asking for really personal information (SS#) or payment. (See “Juniors- Steps Towards College” list for helpful websites.).
- _____ 18. Make your summer count by either working, doing community service, attending an enrichment camp, doing an internship in a career field in which you are interested, etc.