

Junior Year Checklist

Fall

- ❑ Start developing a resume—a record of your accomplishments, activities and work experience.
This will be an important part of your college application.
- ❑ Take the PSAT. Taking it as a junior could qualify you for some scholarship money and provides an opportunity to practice for the SAT/ACT. Ask your counselor for a fee waiver if you qualify for free or reduced lunch.

February

- ❑ Choose your senior year courses carefully.
Colleges will look for rigor in your course choices.
- ❑ Take the ACT for free at CHS.

March

- ❑ Research colleges on Naviance.
- ❑ Attend PNACAC College Fair; Sunday 4/22/2018 at University of Portland.
- ❑ Spring vacation and summer: Begin visiting colleges. Sign up for tours and be sure to make contact with the admissions office since many colleges consider demonstrated interest as a factor in admissions.

April

- ❑ Register for the May/June SAT Reasoning Test and/or the May/June SAT Subject Tests. Not all SAT Subject Tests are given on every test date. Check the calendar carefully to determine when the Subject Tests you want are offered. Register for the June ACT if you want to take or re-take that test.
- ❑ Continue to evaluate your list of colleges and universities. Eliminate colleges from the original list that no longer interest you and add others as appropriate.
- ❑ Look into summer jobs or apply for special summer academic or enrichment programs. Colleges love to see students using their knowledge and developing their skills and interests.

May

- ❑ Get a jump start on summer activities—consider enrolling in an academic course at a local college, pursuing a summer school program, applying for an internship, working, or volunteering. If you work, save part of your earnings for college.
- ❑ Take the SAT Reasoning Test or the SAT Subject Tests.

June

- ❑ After school ends, get on the road to visit colleges. Seeing the college firsthand, taking a tour and talking to students can be the greatest help in deciding whether or not a school is right for you. Although it is ideal to visit colleges during the academic year, going in the summer will be valuable. Admission offices employ their students to give tours and answer questions from prospective students and their parents.
- ❑ Take the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT Subject Tests and/or the ACT.

July

- ❑ Visit colleges, take tours, ask questions and set up an interview with an admissions officer if possible.

August

- ❑ Continue to refine your list of potential colleges and universities.
- ❑ Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes.
- ❑ Open a Common App account (www.commonapp.org) and get started on your application!
- ❑ If you are an athlete and plan on playing in college, contact the coaches at the schools to which you are applying and ask about intercollegiate and intramural sports programs and athletic scholarships.
- ❑ Time to register for the September SAT or October ACT, or SAT subject tests if you need them.