

Guidance Newsletter

JUNIOR - SENIOR CALENDAR

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are quickly approaching the time when your son/daughter has to make decisions concerning post graduation plans. Whether your child is interested in college, the military, a tech program or moving into a career with their high school diploma, guidance has information for all. Please take note of the variety of ways that you and your child can find information:

- Guidance office (handbooks on careers/college/military)
- Guidance sessions with students and/or parents
- Guidance web page (includes e-mail access to counselors, ongoing news scroll, direct links to college, career and financial aid sites)
- Guidance web calendar (postings of testing deadlines, college open houses, etc)
- Internet (colleges have their own web sites and on-line apps)
- Public Libraries

In order to make the process easier for you; we are sending you this basic calendar of the steps to follow between now and the end of senior year. Please post this schedule in a prominent place in your household for easy and regular reference. Feel free to call or e-mail the guidance department with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Guidance Department

COLLEGE PLANNING TIME LINE

Grade Eleven

September - October

Meet with your counselor to discuss post high school plans
Sign up for the PSAT/NMSQT.

November - December- January

Visit a college fair.

Make a list of colleges based on your most important criteria(area, size, majors, academic rigor)
If you are interested in one of the military academies, start the application process now.
See your guidance counselor

Discuss your PSAT results with your counselor

February - March - April

Take the Spring SAT test. Include the colleges you are interested in on the registration form. Set up a filing system for college information, test results, guidance newsletters, teacher recommendations, etc.

Write to colleges for information and applications and continue research on the Internet. Check guidance to see if there are any scholarships offered to juniors.

May - June - July

Meet with your counselor on course selections for next year. Be sure you are all set with graduation requirements and course requirements for your colleges of interest,

In the summer, visit campuses of your top five choices

Your list of schools should include reach schools, target schools and safety schools.

Give Community Colleges or two-year schools consideration. They are good schools and a real money-saving option.

Visit the guidance web page regularly.

Grade Twelve

September - October - November

Continue to visit the guidance web page

Visit your college campuses and schedule interviews.

Meet with counselor on final college decisions

Make a list of application, financial aid deadlines of your colleges

Register for PROFILE/CSS Financial Aid

Register for SAT, ACT and SAT II tests. Be sure that your colleges are included on the registration form. Your scores will automatically go to these schools.

Give recommendation forms to your teachers. Only ask for the number of recommendations needed and no more.

Give your secondary report forms to your counselors

Give your completed applications to your counselor as soon as first quarter grades are out.

Guidance will check and mail your completed applications for you

December - January - February

Attend your school's financial aid information night

At mid-year, be sure your mid-year reports are sent to your colleges.

File the FAFSA in January

Send in remaining applications and financial aid forms before February vacation.

March - April - May

Notifications of decisions are usually between March 15 and April 15 and notification of financial aid packages are between April 1 and May 1.

Send a final deposit to your college by May 1 and ask guidance to send a final transcript to your college in June

Review all of your financial aid information and verification of your FAFSA

By May 1, you should notify colleges of your acceptance of their offer and regrets to your other colleges

June

Ask guidance to send a copy of your final transcript to your college

Be sure to send a thank you to everyone who helped you in your college application procedure