

Junior To Do List

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April 24th, 2017

College Visits

- It is important to visit the college and university that you are interested in attending.
- Making decisions based on what your friends plans or what you see on the internet is not enough.
- All colleges and universities have scheduled Open Houses or you can schedule your own personal tour through admissions.

ACT & SAT

ACT - American College Test - measures development in English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing. Each section is scored and averaged together to create a composite score. The ACT measures the academic concepts a student has learned in high school. **The remaining ACT date is June 11th.**

SAT - Scholastic Aptitude Test - reflects and supports the goals of higher education. Students will be tested on Critical Reading and Mathematics; the Writing portion is optional. The **SAT Subject Test** measures performance in specific subjects. Some highly competitive colleges require SAT Subject Test for placement, and even admission into certain programs. **The remaining SAT date is June 4th.** The deadline to register is May 11th.

College and universities will accept either ACT or SAT.

Resume

- All juniors have started to develop their resume in Advisory. These should be completed before the end of Junior year.
- Resumes are important for the college application process.
- Resumes are used for afterschool and summer employment, volunteer work, job shadowing and internships, college applications, and scholarship applications.
- Your assigned counselor, teachers, and other recommenders will use your resume to assist with writing letters of recommendation.

Recommendations

- A lot of colleges and universities will require letters of recommendation.
- Recommendations from counselors, teachers, coaches, and community leaders include information about your character, personal strengths, or unique qualities that are helpful to admissions committees.
- When selecting a teacher, coach, or community member to write your letter of recommendation make sure to give them enough advance notice - minimum of two weeks.

The Financial Aid Process

- Financial Aid is money that will help you pay for college.
- All parents/students must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to qualify for Grants/Scholarships, Loans, or Work Study.
- FAFSA will open on October 1st, 2017.
- Start now by looking at the CATA Scholarship Page at all the opportunities.
- The most important thing to remember is to never pay for a scholarship or for scholarship information.

Application Process & Essays

- Applications will not open before August 1st, 2017.
- Common Application already has the essay prompts open for review.
- CFNC and Send EDU are other application websites that could be used.
- If a college or university requires essays or a personal statement it will be read. Make sure to put a lot of thought into these writings. Have someone proofread to check grammar, spelling, and content.

Application Process & Essays

- **Early Action** – Admissions procedure to notify students of early admission to the college. Students are not committed to accept the college's offer of admission and may file other applications.
- **Early Decision** – Admissions plan under which you may submit your credentials early to one college, usually by October 15th of your senior year. You are notified of your status by December 1st. As part of an early decision plan, you are required to sign a statement agreeing to accept the college's offer of admission. You **MUST** withdraw your application from other colleges if accepted under Early Decision.
- **Regular Admission** – Plan under which you submit your credentials during November to February, depending on individuals.
- **Rolling Admission** – Plan under which candidates submit credentials at their convenience up to a certain date. They receive an offer of acceptance or rejection within four to six weeks.

**The End. Thank you for attending!!
Do you have any questions?**