

College Planning Tips for Juniors

- Take the PSAT in October. Then, review your scores with your counselor. Recognize your strengths and also work on the areas that need the most improvement as you prepare for the SAT.
- Set a date to take the SAT and/or the ACT and register on time for the test(s). talk to your counselor about accommodations, if appropriate. Request that your scores be sent to the colleges that you are considering attending, as some schools require official scores.
- Talk with your parents about your educational and career interests and goals. Discuss their expectations, as well as your own, for you and your future. Discuss what is important to each of you during the college search and selection process.
- Ask seniors in our school about their experience with the college search and selection process. What do they wish they had known when they were beginning?
- Talk with your teachers. (They are a valuable resource!) Seek out the teachers of the subjects that you are interested in. For example... Considering a career in the science field? Have a chat with a science teacher to find out what courses to take, what to expect, etc.
- Visit the Counseling Center and become familiar with the many resources available to help you learn about careers, colleges, scholarships, and financial aid. Investigate books, catalogues, videos, and the Internet.
- Take advantage of technology. The Internet is a powerful tool that can serve you well. Surf the web!
- Meet with college representatives. Many from area colleges come right here to our school to talk with our students! Check the calendar in the Counseling Center for dates and times.
- Plan to visit as many college campuses as possible, even though you may not be sure you want to go there. For example... Interested in a large public university in California? Find one in our area that is similar (UB?) and visit the campus, just to get an idea of what it might be like.
- Attend college fairs. This is a great way to obtain information about a variety of schools in a short amount of time. (And to join their mailing lists!)
- Call ahead to colleges to find information about Open House dates and Information Sessions.
- Become familiar with NCAA rules for student athletes if you are considering competing in a Division I or II sport. See your Counselor for more information.

HAVE FUN!!! 😊