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## Checklist for Junior College Planning

*Office of Guidance and Counseling*

### August to December

- Attend the August **Junior College Planning Orientation**.
- Be sure to update your accounts in CollegeBoard, Khan Academy, and Naviance. Remember your passwords!
- Check messages in Naviance every day. Be sure to read your school e-mail daily.
- Remind your parents to attend the Junior/Senior Financial Aid Night.
- Remind your parents to attend the Junior Parent College Planning Night.
- Investigate and narrow down your career choice.
  - Use collegeboard.org, education planner.org or refer to the *Do What You Are* survey in Naviance.
- Complete Naviance assessments to further assist with your career/major choices. (*Game Plan, Career Search, Career Interest Profiler and Cluster Finder*)
- Prepare for and take the PSAT. This is the year that you could qualify for National Merit!
- Meet with your Counselor and/or your College Counselor.

### December to March

- Attend the December Junior College Planning Follow-Up Session.
  - Ask your parents to complete the **Parental Authorization Form**.
  - Complete your **College Brag Survey**. This is where your counselor can retrieve more details to include in your letters of recommendation.
  - Make any corrections to your **transcript** (Return corrections to your college counselor ASAP)
- Discuss and ask questions regarding your course selection with your teachers, department heads, the registrar office, and/or your counselor.
- Research and compare your SAT scores, ACT scores, and GPA to the scores of the colleges you are interested in.
  - Utilize CollegeBoard, Niche, or Naviance for up to date scores and admissions information.
- Sign up for Spring SAT/ACT. Practice for SAT/ACT.
- Arrange college visits and tours with colleges.
- Meet with your Counselor and/or your College Counselor.

### March and April

- Be prepared with questions for the College Representative's Panel assembly. This is where you will have the opportunity to ask admission counselors application and admission related questions.
- Develop a list of colleges you are considering applying to. You can add your college to *Colleges I am Thinking About* on Naviance.
- Ask two teachers for recommendations and add your teachers' names into your Naviance account.
- Begin the Common App online – get a head start! Available for signup in the spring, but cannot start applying until August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Work on your College Essay, ask you English teacher or someone you trust to review the essay.
- Meet with your Counselor and/or your College Counselor.

\*\*Make sure you are utilizing tools on Khan Academy, Naviance, and CollegeBoard.

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