Junior Year Timeline

Preparing for life after high school.
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Most Important Task!

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- Grades impact admissions, scholarships & other opportunities.
- Working hard in school and developing organizational skills helps you prepare you for college, work and life after BHS.
Fall

- PSAT
- Determine a testing plan
  - **ACT** and/or SAT (w/ writing)
  - Superscoring advantage
  - When?
  - Register now!
    - SAT: collegeboard.org
    - ACT: act.org
- Qualify for Free or Reduced fee lunches? Test for FREE! Apply to colleges for free!
- Two-year colleges **do not** require SAT or ACT
2020-2021 ACT Updates

- Superscoring
- 4 free tests for students who qualify
- Online testing option-scores in 2 days (except Writing)
- Online practice: act.org/academy
- Online tutorials about how to navigate online system
Fall

- Research Colleges
  - Post H.S. Options Fair - Tuesday, 10/29 @ BHS
  - National College Fair - 11/2 - Seattle
  - College Visits at BHS- Register via Naviance - scroll down to "What's New"
- Athletes - Register on NCAA eligibility website
Winter

• Stay involved with extracurricular activities
• Prep for SAT or ACT
• Online resources (free - $)
  • Khan Academy (SAT)
    • Free! Full practice exams and tips.
    • Import PSAT code for personalized test prep. PSAT results should guide prep.
  • Personalized preparation calendar based on your SAT test date.
• BHS Counseling Center
• Local test prep agencies ($)
Winter

- Organize your 4-year college list
  - Safety, Best Fit, Reach Schools
- Look at 2-year colleges - lots out there!
- Make your college list in Naviance
  - "Schools I'm Interested In"
- Talk to your family about your plan
  - Cost, distance, etc.
- Register for a challenging and manageable senior schedule.
Spring

- Attend BHS College & Post H.S. Options Night (April)
- Take AP Exams (May 4-15) (free w/ waiver)
- Do you need letters of recommendation?
- Seek out summer opportunities
  - Job, internship, learning/life experiences.
- Visit prospective colleges during Spring Break
- Talk to your parents about saving tax filing info for FAFSA & WASFA (financial aid)
Summer!

- Visit colleges.
- Review college application requirements and deadlines on their websites.
- Organize financial aid info (enter FAFSA/ WAFSA info beginning Oct. 1, 2020).
- Start working on your college application essays.
- Have fun!
Congratulations!
You are ready for senior year!
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