

# JBS

## College Counseling Calendar at a Glance

### 9<sup>th</sup> GRADE

<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ “College Chat” meeting with College Counseling for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topics include: what colleges look for as they make their decisions, test preparation and timing of the testing, and more.</li><li>• Opportunity for any/all questions.</li></ul></li><li>➤ College Athletics Symposium (Biannually- open to students and all grade levels)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to prepare for collegiate athletic recruitment. Includes meetings with JBS coaches and sport specific tips sheets.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Common Day Advisory w/9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal and College Counseling:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss importance of getting involved in activities, developing rapport with teachers, building a strong academic foundation, understanding the GPA and grading scale and time for questions.</li></ul></li></ul>

### 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

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<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ PSAT (Preliminary SAT given at JBS during the school day)</li><li>➤ Financial Aid Night for Parents/Guardians: Guest speaker from Washington University invited to discuss the process of applying for need-based financial aid.</li></ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Common Day Advisory with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal and College Counseling:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Topics include: thinking ahead to 11<sup>th</sup> grade, transcripts, extracurricular activities and time for questions.</li></ul></li></ul>

<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Career Exploration Program: Partner program with JBS Alumni and Development team for grade level activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alumni guest speakers invited to share experiences in various industries.</li> <li>• Introduction to Cialfo, the College Counseling platform used to navigate the application experience for students and families.</li> <li>• Students complete Do What You Are assessment, update Extracurricular/resume in Cialfo and begin to introduce “summer opportunities” with College Counseling team.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Four School College Fair (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and families from JBS, MICDS, Clayton and Ladue). 125-150 college admission representatives attend.</li> </ul>

## 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ College Athletics Symposium (<i>Biannually- open to all grade levels</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to prepare for collegiate athletic recruitment. Includes meetings with JBS coaches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ College Symposium: Special college program that includes speakers from colleges around the country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics include essay writing, selective admissions, scholarships and more.</li> <li>• Open to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>September- May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Common Day Advisory as a class with College Counseling focusing on college research and application process (~10 advisories throughout the year).</li> </ul>
<b>September- November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Colleges visit JBS – if a junior has a “free” period, they are welcome to join. Expect both in person and virtual visits for the future. Schedule of visiting colleges is posted in Cialfo under College Visits.</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ PSAT (Preliminary SAT given at JBS).</li> <li>➤ Principal and College Counseling meet with Parents/Guardians. Topics include: timing of test preparation, what colleges look for as they read applications, and how to support your child as they prepare for the college application process.</li> <li>➤ Financial Aid Night for Parents/Guardians: Guest speaker from Washington University invited to discuss the process of applying for need-based financial aid.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ College Kick-Off Meeting for Juniors and Parents/Guardians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chance to meet the College Counseling team and “officially” kick of the college application experience.</li> <li>• Students list their choices for college counselor the next day via online survey.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ FREE Practice ACT given by Princeton Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Results allow college counselors to help students compare PSAT scores with PACT and choose test strength.</li> <li>• When scores are returned, the PR gives free tips and strategies that are extremely helpful.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>November-March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Family Meeting with College Counselor- Students and parents/guardians meet with their college counselor to discuss students' interests based on required College Planning form. List of colleges shared at this meeting.</li> <li>➤ Counselor also assists with course selection and becomes the student's Advisor for senior year.</li> <li>➤ Individual meetings between students and their college counselor from this point forward, as needed.</li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ JBS Alumni College Fair and Panel: JBS alumni who are freshmen and sophomores in college return to share their experiences with current juniors and seniors.</li> </ul>
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## 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Summer Application Workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Counselors continue to work with seniors on their college applications and essays, identify core values and develop narrative for each student.</li> <li>• A lot of fun and helps the students to avoid procrastination.</li> <li>• Program repeated in August. It is an option to attend in June OR in August (not both).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Summer Application Workshop: <i>(Repeat of June program)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College Counselors continue to work with seniors on their college applications and essays, identify core values and develop narrative for each student.</li> <li>• A lot of fun and helps the students to avoid procrastination.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Essay Writing Workshop: Students bring s draft of Common App essay to be reviewed by College Counseling team.</li> <li>➤ College Athletics Symposium <i>(Biannually- open to all grade levels)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to prepare for collegiate athletic recruitment. Includes meetings with JBS coaches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ College Symposium: Special college program that includes speakers from colleges around the country. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Topics include essay writing, selective admissions, scholarships and more.</li> <li>• Open to 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents/guardians.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>August-January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ College Application work (individually): Review final list of Applying schools in Cialfo. Share completed applications and essays with their college counselor before submission to any college.</li> </ul>

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<b>September- November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ College Visitors at JBS – more than 180 colleges visit us annually. Expecting both in person and virtual visits. Seniors may attend with permission from their teachers if not during a free period.</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Financial Aid Night for Parents/Guardians: Guest speaker from Washington University invited to discuss the process of applying for need-based financial aid.</li> <li>➤ Application Submission Event – with college counselors – a week to celebrate and submit college applications before the “early” deadlines. Fondly called Submit-O-Mania.</li> <li>➤ Application Workshop for University of California system application.</li> </ul>
<b>November- March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ College Interviews for applicants (conducted by college alumni). CC can help prepare for these interviews.</li> <li>➤ College decisions arrive which are shared and discussed with CC upon receipt.</li> </ul>
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<b>January-April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Common Day Advisories as a class with College Counseling focusing on life skills, financial literacy, networking, lifelong service and transitioning from JBS to college.</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Final college choice made and shared with CC.</li> </ul>

***NOTE:** Along the way, there are Advisory Follow Up emails (increasing in frequency from 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Students and families are always welcome to contact the College Counseling Office with questions! Each of us visit college campuses during the summer to keep abreast of changes and to continue our relationships. When possible, college counselors attend Visit Programs hosted by colleges. We have seen hundreds (literally) of colleges and know college admission officers at nearly every college.*

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