



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign up to take the PSAT. <i>(Good practice for next year when you will be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition.)</i> - Consider taking a career assessment test if offered. - Start or continue your "brag sheet" or resume. - Maintain good grades; READ! <i>(Sophomore and Junior grades almost always count the most.)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take the PSAT. - Attend any college-oriented school meetings. - Start or continue your resume. - Get to know your teachers. Be sure they know you are a serious student. - Research careers using the internet and/or high school resources. - Talk to adults about their careers. What appeals to you? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate colleges using the internet or books. - Focus on academics. Do extra credit whenever it is offered. - Time permitting, fill your resume categories with community service or activities. - Think about what makes you unique <i>(this may become your "ACE")</i> - Use the Career Cruising website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - READ! <i>This can make a BIG difference on your SAT scores.</i> - Use your break to research schools and think about summer opportunities. <i>(Remember, college apps will ask for some combination of paid employment, clubs, community service, summer programs, activities, honors and awards.)</i> - Talk to older friends about their college experience and what campus life is like at their school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate colleges using computer search programs. - Use your PSAT scores to help indicate what may/may not be realistic for you. - Also use your PSAT scores to project what test prepping you might want/need to do to reach your goals. - Research different careers using the internet. - VISIT THE CAREER CENTER. Find out what resources are available.
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Search for relevant summer activities that support your "ACE" <i>(unique area of interest, talent etc.)</i>. - Talk to your counselor about your ideas and ask questions. - Keep up your grades and do extra credit whenever you can. Show you care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you start to identify 10-12 target schools? You can modify the list as you go. - Get the admission stats & download applications for a couple of your top schools – see what they expect! - Register for AP exams if you will be completing an AP class this year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Register for the June SAT II Subject Tests in academic subjects you may complete this year (such as chemistry, physics, etc.) if this year represents your "peak" in that subject. - Visit some nearby colleges over break. - Be sure you are in your target schools' databases so you will receive information from them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make use of your summer: <i>(College classes, special programs, community service, job, SAT prep etc.)</i> - Prep for SAT II's as needed. <i>(There are books available in every SAT II subject area.)</i> - Study for finals. Keep those grades high. - Consider Summer School if appropriate or you need to repeat a class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take SAT II Subject Test if appropriate. <i>(Some schools will require 2 or 3 different subjects.)</i> - Refine your target list of schools and be sure it covers a range of safety to reach. - Hopefully you've planned a fun yet productive summer! - Don't forget to READ!