

JCS Senior College Timeline

Summer Before 12th Grade	▪ Set list of 3-5 colleges to which you will apply ▪ Determine who will write your recommendation letters and ask those teachers/administrators in advance to give adequate time to write the letter(s). <i>Requests should be made in Naviance.</i> ▪ Compile a student resume that includes academic achievements, extracurricular activities, sports, honors/awards, and work experience. ▪ Schedule Campus visits if you have not done so already. If possible, it is best to plan campus visits when classes are back in session. You are allowed <u>2 excused</u> absences per year for college visits. ▪ Continue testing on SAT or ACT when possible.
Fall Semester of 12th Grade	▪ Visit College Campuses ▪ Re-take SAT and/or ACT and submit to prospective colleges ▪ Attend college fairs in the local area ▪ Complete JCS Transcript Requests for each college application using Naviance ▪ Request DE transcripts to be sent to the colleges to which you are applying (PBA via www.studentclearinghouse.org or PBSC via www.palmbeachstate.edu) ▪ Send recommendation letters and essays with your completed applications ▪ Submit college applications as early as possible. ○ Check application deadlines and submit early decision applications. ▪ Register for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship with your class (Guidance comes into senior classrooms and walks students through the process; if your student is absent, they can apply at: www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org (beginning October 1st).
Spring Semester of 12th Grade	▪ Register for FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov (beginning October 1st). ▪ Notify all of the colleges where you were accepted that you are either accepting or declining their offer (by May 1st). ▪ Make a deposit to the school you are planning to attend (Most due by May 1st). ▪ Follow ALL orientation dates and requirements set out by your university. ▪ Take AP Exams (May) and send scores to your college (July) ▪ Complete a <u>final</u> Transcript Request to be sent to the college you plan to attend. ▪ Request transcripts for any DE courses from PBA directly.