

Dansville High School

COLLEGE PREPARATION OVERVIEW

JUNIOR YEAR

The DHS Counseling Office is your source for all things
College, Military & Career!

To take full advantage of everything that the Counseling Office provides,
please be aware of the following:

EMAILS: Juniors are sent emails from the Counselors and from Ms. Oldfield on a regular basis that will contain a vast array of material. Oftentimes, these emails will include appointment dates and times and/or have attachments such as “College/University Visits at DHS” fliers, “Upcoming Events” fliers, “Military Recruiter Visits to DHS” information, etc. It is **very important** that you read these emails, along with any attachments, to keep you up-to-date and well-informed of Junior Year Happenings.

COUNSELING “CLASS OF” GOOGLE CLASSROOM: The Counseling Office will post updates to your Counseling “Class of” Google Classroom that contain information including (but not limited to) “Important Dates to Remember,” “Interesting Opportunities,” “Testing (SAT/ACT) Information,” “College Representative and Military Recruiter Visits to DHS,” etc. When updates are posted, you will receive notifications via email and will be able to access the Google Classroom feed at anytime. Parents will also have the opportunity to receive the Counseling “Class of” Google Classroom updates and access the feed if they choose. An email will be sent to parents with an invitation link to the Classroom, and the following links are helpful guides:

GUARDIAN SUMMARY- https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/6386354?hl=en&ref_topic=6024979
and **GUARDIAN SUMMARY FAQ's -** <https://support.google.com/edu/classroom/answer/7126518?hl=en#zippy=>

COLLEGE PREP OVERVIEW CALENDAR & CHECKLIST: These documents are helpful resources for anyone interested in continuing their education after high school graduation. The enclosed calendar includes important monthly items that you should be aware of and/or making sure that you are taking care of during your Junior Year. Also enclosed is a checklist is a handy “To Do List” that you can refer back to throughout your Junior year.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Dansville Central School District has a presence on some of the popular social media sites; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc. There are a number of pages associated with the different aspects of the school district (sports, clubs, etc.), so be sure to add these pages to your personal newsfeeds on each platform to ensure that you are up to date on any new/important information that you may have missed in your email box or in the Counseling “Class of” Google Classroom.

DHS COUNSELING OFFICE WEBSITE: The Counseling Office website is a **valuable tool** that is at your fingertips. By visiting the website, you can find answers to commonly asked questions, as well as stay up-to-date with current events and information that is important during your Junior year. You can easily access college planning timelines, information regarding the U.S. Military and other career options, fliers with event details, and several other helpful items.

Steps to locate the Counseling Office website:

- * Visit www.dansvillecsd.org
- * Choose “High School” under the “Our Schools” link
- * Choose “Counseling”
- * Choose any of the Quick Links on the left side of the page to locate information you are searching for

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<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>7/28: SAT Registration Deadline (8/26 Exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Start researching colleges of interest <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college summer programs <input type="checkbox"/> Begin preparing for Standardized Tests (including PSAT, SAT, & ACT exams) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>8/4: ACT Registration Deadline (9/9 Exam) 8/26: SAT Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Research & develop a list of colleges that interest you - request info from those schools <input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching possible majors/careers <input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching how you can pay for college and/or how to get financial aid <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule college visits/Meet with reps at DHS 	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>9/8: SAT Registration Deadline (10/7 Exam) 9/9: ACT Exam 9/22: ACT Registration Deadline (10/28 Exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Join one or more new clubs at school (DHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Locate community service projects and keep a record of the time you participated <input type="checkbox"/> Create a document of awards, honors, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> Start developing your resume <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <p>10/6: SAT Registration Deadline (11/4 Exam) 10/7: SAT Exam 10/16: Rochester Area College Fair @ DHS 10/28: ACT Exam TBD PSAT Exam @ Dansville High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college Open Houses <input type="checkbox"/> Start EARLY - Research scholarships & grants <input type="checkbox"/> Create a CollegeBoard account - Use personal email ONLY (write down login info!!!) <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT Exam 	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>11/3: SAT Registration Deadline (12/2 Exam) 11/3: ACT Registration Deadline (12/9 Exam) 11/4: SAT Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching financial aid options <input type="checkbox"/> Attend financial aid seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the FAFSA4caster to estimate your eligibility for federal student aid <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>12/2: SAT Exam 12/9: ACT Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your Counselor regarding your post-graduate plans (college, military, career) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <p>1/5: ACT Registration Deadline (2/10 Exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Counselor to review PSAT scores <input type="checkbox"/> If you wish to use test modifications on SAT or ACT exams, contact your Counselor to start the approval process <input type="checkbox"/> Research possible job shadow opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> <p>2/23: SAT Registration Deadline (3/9 Exam) 2/10: ACT Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Research your top college choices to see if you need to take any SAT subject tests <input type="checkbox"/> Register with NCAA if you plan to play Division I or Division II sports at college <input type="checkbox"/> Check with colleges to see if they accept AP course/exam credits and/or GCC credits 	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p>3/9: SAT Exam 3/8: ACT Registration Deadline (4/13 Exam) TBD National College Fair in Rochester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Counselor to plan Senior courses <input type="checkbox"/> Attend National College Fair in Rochester <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____
<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <p>4/19: SAT Registration Deadline (5/4 Exam) 4/13: ACT Exam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges that interest you <input type="checkbox"/> Register for application sites (Common App, SUNY, SendEdu, etc) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Research college summer opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>5/3: ACT Registration Deadline (6/8 Exam) 5/4: SAT Exam 5/6-10 AP Exams (Week 1) 5/13-17 AP Exams (Week 2) 5/17 SAT Registration Deadline (6/1 Exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin creating a list of reference letter writers <input type="checkbox"/> Narrow down college choices <input type="checkbox"/> Consider lining up a summer job or internship <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ 	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>6/1: SAT Exam 6/8: ACT Exam 6/16: ACT Registration Deadline (7/15 Exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for GCC summer courses <input type="checkbox"/> Start thinking about application essay topics and begin writing drafts <input type="checkbox"/> Search for scholarships & grants <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____



High School Junior Year Checklist

ALL YEAR

- READ YOUR EMAILS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICES!!!
- Read and review the Counseling “Class of” Google Classroom often.
- Work hard to keep a high GPA!!
- Challenge yourself academically by taking rigorous classes.
- Get involved in extracurricular/volunteer activities.
- Keep a calendar, schedule or agenda for college events.
- Create an organization system for all of your college documents.
- Keep a folder of your accomplishments, such as awards, certificates, community service log, and job shadowing and internship letters of participation.
- Talk with college and vocational school representatives and military recruiters who visit DHS.
- Research career possibilities you may be interested in.
- Save money for your future!!!

FALL (September to November)

- Talk to your counselor to make sure you’re on track to graduate and will meet college admission requirements.
- Request a copy of your unofficial transcript to review your class rank, your GPA, and how many credits you have earned. (Complete and submit a Transcript Request Form.)
- Create a professional email address. (Ex: FirstName.LastName@domain.com)
- Meet with your counselor to organize your testing strategies and college plan.
- Sign up to take the PSAT. (Top scores qualify for National Merit Scholarships.)
- Make a list of colleges that you wish to research online.
- Research colleges by region, sizes, academic specialties, and/or other factors important to you.
- Research college costs and tuition at different types of schools.
- Research requirements regarding entrance and placement exams at the colleges in which you are interested in.
- After your research, narrow your college list to your top 10 schools that interest you.
- It’s not too late to get involved. Pick up a new extracurricular activity (or two) and jump right in!
- If you want to play Division I or II college sports, start the certification process with NCAA. (Go to [http:// web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp](http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp))
- If you are thinking about enlisting in the military, you need to speak with a military representative about your options. (For more information go to: www.todaysmilitary.com)
- Get a job to gain work experience to include on your college application.
- Create a Resume.



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WINTER (December to February)

- Decide when you will take either (or both) the ACT or SAT exam.
- Create a test prep plan! Use your PSAT scores as a guide to study. Visit test prep websites.
- Register for the ACT at www.actstudent.org
- Register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com
- Take the ACT and/or SAT exam
- Continue to stay involved in activities in and outside of school.
- Continue volunteering in community service and keep track of your hours.
- Refine your choices of colleges by comparing schools and attending college fairs or going on college visits.
- Research and start applying for scholarships that you qualify for. It's NEVER too early!

SPRING (March to May)

- Take the ACT and/or SAT.
- Get educated about the college admissions requirements.
- Contact prospective colleges to schedule interviews and visits.
- Meet with your School Counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Meet with your School Counselor to create your Senior Year schedule.
- Discuss the colleges you are interested in with your School Counselor.
- Start finalizing your college list and investigate college costs.
- Continue applying for scholarships.
- Familiarize yourself with financial aid and other ways to pay for college.

SUMMER (June to August)

- Take the ACT and/or SAT (either for the first time or to increase your scores).
- Grab a summer job to expand your experiences and to earn money for college.
- Develop a financial aid plan before any deadlines approach.
- Practice makes perfect ... Begin working on your college application essay.
- Continue applying for scholarships.
- Start applying to colleges and continue to go on college visits.
- Start making a senior year checklist.