

Junior Year Timeline

Fall

- **Take the PSAT test October 13th at Redwood**
- Attend presentations by college representatives when they visit the CCC in the fall; college visitation schedules are posted on the CCC website and in the weekly bulletin and on Naviance

Winter/Spring

- Think about yourself, your goals, what factors are important to you in the college you plan to attend
- Discuss colleges with your parents, friends, teachers, etc
- Read college guides, catalogs, and brochures
- Spend time in the CCC browsing through all the college material
- Visit colleges, especially during your spring vacation to get a feel for college life. Take note of what you like and don't like in the colleges you visit
- Register for ACT, SAT, or SAT Subject Tests if necessary
- Attend career conversations in the CCC

January

- Begin to explore and research colleges using college search engines in college guidebooks, websites and Naviance
- Have a family discussion about factors that may affect your college search, e.g., finances, proximity to home. (Parents, if you are setting any specific parameters, now is the time to share them with your son/daughter!) Figure out what standardized tests you are going to take and how you're going to prepare for them

February

- **Feb 9: ACT test date**
- Register for SAT or ACT and Subject Tests
- Continue to explore and research colleges
- Based on your research, plan to visit colleges over spring break
- Start making summer plans
- Meetings will be set to meet with your counselor during the spring semester

March

- **March 9: SAT test date**
- Continue to explore and research colleges
- Apply for summer programs/jobs/internships
- Put yourself on mailing lists of any colleges of interest—most schools have that function online, or you can call, email, or send a letter

- Decide what Subject Tests to take in May or June and register for them
- Spring break is a good time to visit colleges both near and far
- Meet with your counselor

April

- **April 13: ACT test date**
- Attend WACAC College at Dominican University, San Rafael (more than 200 colleges and universities)
- Continue to explore and research colleges
- If you haven't done so already, schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss your spring break college trip, summer plans, and senior course schedule
- If you plan to participate in college athletics, register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)

May

- **May 4: SAT/SAT Subject Tests date**
- AP exams
- Attend college informational meetings in the Bay Area (If you're on colleges' mailing lists, they'll invite you.)
- Continue to explore and research colleges
- Finalize summer plans
- As you begin to wrap up your junior year, keep all of the papers that you wrote over the year. Some teachers ask for a graded paper as part of their recommendation, so don't throw any of your work out!

June

- **June 1: SAT/SAT Subject Test date**
- **June 8: ACT date**
- End the school year with a "working" college list of 15–20 colleges/universities.

Summer

- Relax and recharge
- Read, read, read
- Brainstorm ideas for your college essay; "topic of choice" is the most popular essay prompt, if you're up for it
- Visit colleges, begin comparing colleges, and identify what you like and don't like
- Write or subscribe to colleges/universities for information