JUNIOR YEAR: TIME-LINE FOR COLLEGE

FALL (September – November)

_____ Start your junior year off by registering for and taking the PSAT/NMSQT
_____ Stay focused – colleges pay "close" attention to your junior year grades!!! It is not too late to get involved. Pick a new school or community extracurricular activity (or two) and sign-up.
_____ Attend a College Fair
_____ Write a Resume
_____ Build your College List (reach, target and safe schools) ---Try to narrow your list to less than 20 colleges.
** Collegeboard.com or Niche.com are great places to start!
_____ ADVANCED STUDENTS WHO FEEL READY-----Register for and take: Oct. SAT (WHS) or Nov. SAT (EHS)

WINTER (December – March)

_____ Prep for the SAT & ACT. Analyze your PSAT performance and start your prep for the SAT and/or ACT.
_____ Register to take the February ACT (Given at the WHS) – ACT.org
_____Continue to research and explore college websites. Refine your choices of colleges by comparing and contrasting schools. Try to narrow your list to around 10 schools that interest you.
_____ Get scholarships for college by starting your search now! Fastweb.com is a great place to start!
_____ Schedule and attend college visits and open houses.
_____ Keep your stress level low by creating an organization system for all your college documents.

SPRING (April - June)

_____Register for and take the June SAT (given at EHS) – Collegeboard.com
_____ Attend "How to Choose a College Night"
_____ Identify and contact teachers for letters of recommendation (Have your updated resume readily available).
_____ Continue exploration of college websites/admissions requirements. Check it against your own high school transcript and try to select realistic schools. Try to narrow your list to 3-8 schools.

SUMMER (July - August)

_____ Continue to visit colleges (especially far away ones you were not able to visit yet)
_____ Great opportunity to do job shadowing or volunteer work (especially for allied health majors)
_____ Prepare to re-take the SAT/ACT this fall
_____ Begin working on your personal statement/college essay