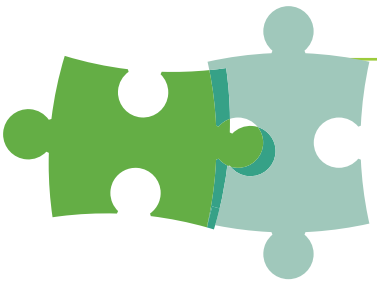
# SOLVING THE COLLEGE PUZZLE

## SAT/ACT *PREP*




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## SOPHOMORE YEAR

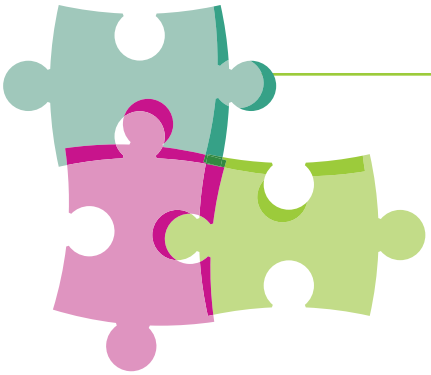
### ➤ SEPTEMBER

**ASK YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR** about the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses available at your school.

**PLAN AND SET YOUR GOALS** for the future. Talk to your school counselor about your interests and abilities, the kind of school that appeals to you, and what you can financially afford.

### ➤ JULY/AUGUST

**PREP** for the PSAT/SAT over the summer.



## JUNIOR YEAR

### ➤ SEPTEMBER

**REGISTER AND PREPARE** for the PSAT if you have not already done so.

### ➤ OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

**TAKE THE PSAT** in October. The PSAT will determine your eligibility for National Merit Scholarships and certain scholarships for minority students. In addition, the test will help identify weak areas that need strengthening before your upcoming ACT or SAT.

**ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS** held at many high schools and colleges, to speak to college and university representatives. Gather information about different schools, ask questions about academic requirements, and learn about the college application process and available sources of financial aid.

Begin your ACT or SAT preparation with Huntington. Develop your personal test-taking strategy and learn how to get the highest score you can. Call for an ACT or SAT Academic Evaluation, and race ahead of the competition.

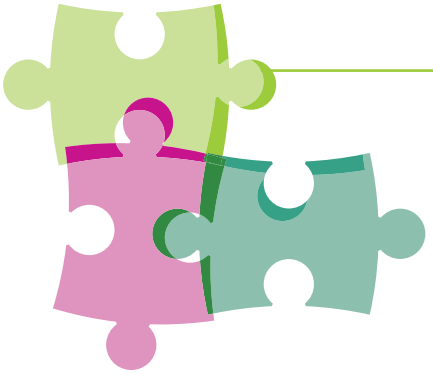
### ➤ DECEMBER

**FIND OUT** if the schools you are interested in attending require the ACT or SAT. Also look into SAT Subject Tests policies. Determine when these tests are offered and register approximately 6 weeks before the exam date.

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## JUNIOR YEAR (Continued)

### ➤ JANUARY TO MARCH

**DEVELOP A PRELIMINARY LIST** of about 20 schools that are of interest to you. Seek more information from your school counselor. Many high school career centers have catalogs, reference books, and computer data bases that are also helpful.

**INVESTIGATE SCHOLARSHIPS** and financial aid opportunities. College directories are available at most libraries. Don't forget to use your school counselor as a resource.

### ➤ MAY/JUNE

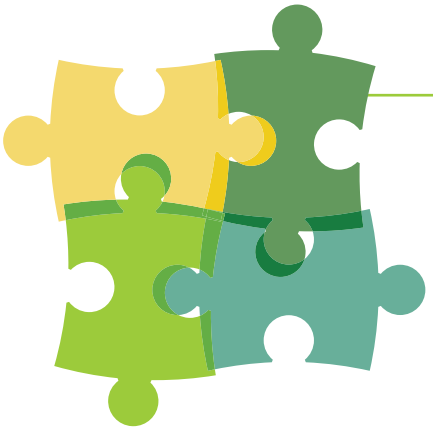
**TAKE A DEEP BREATH** and take the ACT, SAT, AP and SAT Subject Exams.

**REQUEST CATALOGS AND APPLICATION FORMS** from schools of interest to you. During summer vacation, schedule interviews and campus visits for the fall. Start thinking about writing your application essay.

**IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED** with your ACT or SAT score, plan to take the exam again in the fall. Call Huntington Learning Center, if you haven't already done so, and enroll in our individualized ACT or SAT instruction. Summer and fall hours are available for individual tutoring, which accommodates even the busiest schedule.

### ➤ JULY/AUGUST

**VISIT SCHOOLS** to see the difference between large and small campuses, rural and urban schools, etc. Speak to local college students who are home for the summer.



## SENIOR YEAR

### ➤ SEPTEMBER

**NARROW YOUR LIST** of colleges to 5–7 final selections. Pick at least one "safe" school to which you are confident of being admitted.

**ASK YOUR TEACHERS TO WRITE RECOMMENDATIONS** for you that will accompany your college applications. Work on your essay so you can show it to parents and teachers in time to make revisions. Pick up financial aid application forms from your Guidance Office and begin filling them out.

### ➤ NOVEMBER TO MAY

**EARLY ACTION/EARLY DECISION** Applications are due between November 1st and December 1st. Responses usually arrive between December 15th–31st.

**SUBMIT REGULAR DEADLINE COLLEGE APPLICATIONS** along with financial aid paperwork beginning in December. Final deadlines for regular admissions are usually between January 1st and March 1st. Have your high school send your fall semester transcript to colleges to which you already applied.

**CHECK THE MAIL** between March and April for decision letters. As decisions are announced, discuss your final choice with your parents and school counselor. Notify schools by May 1st of your decision to accept or reject.

### ➤ JUNE **HAPPY GRADUATION! ENJOY YOUR SUMMER,** congratulations and good luck in college!

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