

Junior Planning Timeline

JUNIOR YEAR

Your junior year will be a challenging one. Make sure you review your courses and activities to give yourself the best chance of getting into your chosen college or ensure you are taking courses that can help in your chosen career path. While your grades from all of four years of high school show up on your transcripts, keep in mind that colleges will also be looking to see what courses you have taken most recently (your junior year grades). You want to make sure your grades are a good representation of the type of student you are.

This year, you will take the PSAT again in the fall, and SAT in the spring. PSAT scores in the fall will determine whether or not you are considered as a National Merit Scholar. All juniors at CPHS will take the SAT in the spring during the school day. Students may also choose to retake the SAT or take the ACT on any of the Saturday national test dates. Students register for these additional exams at www.collegeboard.org/sat and/or www.act.org. When you are signing up for SAT/ACT, you can request your scores be sent up to 4 colleges for free the first time. Any additional requests will incur a fee, and any test scores you send should be sent directly from College Board and/or ACT.

To help yourself do well on the SAT and/or ACT, you may choose to take an outside prep course to help prepare. Utilize free resources offered to prep you for these exams, like those found at www.khanacademy.org. Once you have taken the ACT and/or SAT tests, you will get a score report in the mail that will tell you where your strengths and weaknesses lie. There will be a code on the score report that you can enter onto www.collegeboard.com and/or www.act.org that will give you an idea of areas you can work to improve upon.

College representatives come to visit with any interested students during the school year. Sign up for these visits in Naviance so that you can meet with representatives and ask any pertinent questions you may have about your transcript, your courses, the college, majors, etc. You may want to take things a step further and go on college visits during your junior year so that you can see the campus, dorms, and get a real “feel” for the college. Complete the necessary steps for a pre-arranged absence with the Attendance office if you sign up to visit a campus during the school day. If you are interested in careers after high school, plan to attend our Career Fair here at CPHS in January during the school day.

You should also keep the diploma you are working towards in mind when selecting your senior schedule. Make sure you are meeting or will meet the requirements for the diploma you want by the end of your high school career. If you are working towards an Academic Honors, Technical Honors Diploma or any of the optional seals, make sure you check out the extra requirements they have! Be sure YOU double and triple check to make sure you have everything you need for your diploma!

Make sure you clean up your social media accounts. Deleting questionable tweets or posts can help save you from a college rejection or issues during the job search process.

Junior Year Checklist

August

- ☐ Double check your schedule--does it coincide with your post-secondary plans?
- ☐ Search college/universities to apply to next fall!
- ☐ Student athletes should make sure they're discussing plans with their coach(es) and school counselor to ensure eligibility.

September

- ☐ Don't forget about your community service hours!
- ☐ Visit with college/career representatives that come visit at CPHS- REMEMBER!! YOU MUST DO ONE CAREER DISCOVERY MEETING IN JUNIOR YEAR TO GRADUATE!
- ☐ Attend the CPHS College & Career Fair! Pick up information and speak with college, workforce and military reps to learn about your options.

October

- ☐ Take the PSAT-NMSQT!

November

- ☐ Talk to your family about your financial situation and how this pertains to your goals.

December

- ☐ Review the results for your PSAT to identify areas of academic strength and weakness.
- ☐ Study for finals!

January

- ☐ Start your 2nd semester off on the right foot!
- ☐ Plan your senior classes with your counselor. Make sure you have researched any college/career opportunities so that we can make sure you're covered here at CPHS!

February

- ☐ Visit with college/career representatives that come visit at CPHS- REMEMBER!! YOU MUST DO ONE CAREER DISCOVERY MEETING IN JUNIOR YEAR TO GRADUATE!

March

- ☐ Start visiting colleges of interest.
- ☐ Narrow down your career choices.
- ☐ Take the SAT during the school day.

April

- ☐ Visit with college/career representatives that come visit at CPHS- REMEMBER!! YOU MUST DO ONE CAREER DISCOVERY MEETING IN JUNIOR YEAR TO GRADUATE!

May

- ☐ Take AP tests
- ☐ Sign up for the College App Seminar this summer!
- ☐ Start to compile a list of people to ask for a letter of recommendation.
- ☐ Study for finals!
- ☐ Think about lining up a summer job or internship.
- ☐ Clean up questionable info on your social media!