Junior College Planning Calendar

September

- Continue to study hard and perform well academically.
- Involve yourself deeply in activities.
- Enthusiastically participate in your College and Career Planning class. This class will provide you with important information relative to the college process.
- Begin to familiarize yourself with the many tools available in Maia including College Search Engines, Scholarship Search Engines, Career Information, Pre-College Summer Programs, numerous links to many helpful webpages and much more.
- Parents, please plan to attend the Junior Parent Night on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:00 PM.

October

- Utilize one of the college search engines in Maia Learning to run a preliminary list of colleges for which you have some interest. Think about your desire to attend specific colleges with an emphasis on your goals, values, interests and abilities.
- Discuss a standardized testing plan with your counselor. Check out the test dates for the SAT, ACT or both. Register early. Utilize the test prep that works best for you.
- Parents are invited to attend the Financial Aid Information Night on Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 PM.
- All juniors will take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14.
- All juniors will attend the Mini-Fair on Friday, October 16.

November

- Juniors will begin to take career assessment tests in their College and Career Planning class, review the results and then take advantage of the huge amounts of career information available in Maia Learning.
- Beginning in the fall, juniors will formally meet with their counselor to discuss the college admissions process and begin to develop a potential list of appropriate schools to consider.
- Students and Parents are invited to attend the College Athletics Recruiting Information Night on Thursday, November 19 at 6:30 PM.

December

- Beginning in December after Junior PSAT scores are reported, parents, along with their sons, will be notified of when their parent meeting has been scheduled. These meetings will take place during the day between the months of January and March. During these meetings, questions related to the college admissions process including the development of appropriate college lists which includes likely, target and reach schools will be discussed.

January

- Register for one or more Spring SAT/ACT exams.
- Continue to do your best work. Your grades are an important factor in the college application review.
- Parents are invited to attend the College Kickstart Program on Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 PM.
- Juniors will participate in the College Kickstart Program on Wednesday, January 27 during Enrichment.
- Juniors will participate in Career Day on Friday, January 29.

February

- Review your tentative college list with your parents. Share with them the reasons you have for including these schools on your list. Be Honest!!! Be Open!!! Listen to the remarks presented by both parents and counselor.
- This is a good time to plan college visits over your Easter break.
- Juniors should see their counselor to discuss the selection of senior courses.

March/April/May

- Take the SAT, ACT or both and register for additional tests as necessary.
- Upon receipt of your spring test scores, initiate a work schedule in the areas that you believe you may have a weakness. This will assist you in the summer or fall when you retake the tests.
- In College and Career Planning Class, create a Common Application account and begin to work on the sections that will rollover to the new version that comes out around August 1.
- Discuss teacher recommendation requests with your Counselor. Once finalized, ask two teachers (formally in person) if they will write you a letter of recommendation.
- Juniors will attend the mini-fair on Tuesday, March 2.

June

- Register for the August SAT or September ACT if appropriate.

July/August

- Visit colleges, refine your list, take tours and be interviewed. Talk to friends who graduated a year or two ago who currently attend a school on your list. Find out what their experience has been. Or use our CBA Alumni database of graduates who would be happy to discuss their college experiences.
- Write a rough draft of your main college essay.
- August 1 marks the beginning of the Admission cycle for the Class of 2028. Supplemental essays will be released. Students can continue to work on their common application.