Junior Timeline

AUGUST

- Review your course schedule once emailed out, and double check that your courses are preparing you to complete graduation requirements and meet admissions requirements for your schools of interest. Discuss any potential changes with the Guidance Counselor.

SEPTEMBER

- Begin/continue researching your college options.
- Attend virtual or in-person college fairs in the Fall.

OCTOBER

- Take the in-school PSAT in October.
- Update your Activities Resume in Xello as needed to reflect summer and fall activities.

NOVEMBER

- Get involved, both on-campus and off. Colleges look for students who have been continuously involved in something they are passionate about - whether this is volunteering in the community, involvement in school events or taking on leadership roles.
- PSAT results will be available online, using your College Board account (students who have not yet created a College Board account are encouraged to do so). Results can be used to prepare for the SAT by reviewing your scores and studying for areas you'd like to improve. Khan Academy can be a great resource.
- Start to look and apply for scholarship opportunities open to juniors. You can view scholarship search engines on our SCS College & Career webpage.

DECEMBER

- If you are able, visit some of your top colleges of interest during school breaks. If you travel out of town, consider visiting college campuses near where you are staying.

JANUARY

- Study hard for Finals – earn grades you are proud of.
- Review your second semester schedule. Discuss any changes with the Guidance Counselor.

MARCH

- Take the In-School SAT.
- Plan your senior year courses. Select classes that will help you meet the entrance requirements for your top colleges and/or further explore your career interests. Registration presentations and course selection will take place during the Spring.
- Intercession – get involved and remember to note what you did and learned in your "Experiences" section of Xello.

APRIL

- Study for AP exams.

MAY

- Take AP Exams as applicable.
- Research and apply for summer internships, jobs and volunteer opportunities.
- Start thinking about adults (teachers preferred, but could also be a coach, mentor or pastor) that you might ask to write a letter of recommendation for you for college and scholarship applications. Start talking to them about your college goals so they are familiar with your plans and aspirations.

JUNE

- Study for Finals – remember that your cumulative GPA at the end of your Junior year is the GPA you will apply to colleges with. Finish strong!
- If able, visit college campuses over the summer.
- In needed, study and retake the SAT and/or ACT a second time. Register to take the test(s) over the summer or early into your Senior year.
- Build your college list and begin college applications.