

JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

COLLEGE PLANNING 2022

- Finish strong! This is the last full academic year that colleges will see and your hard work will pay-off during application season!
- Do some prep work for the SAT/ACT – Prep really does make a difference! One FREE SAT prep option is available with Khan Academy through your Collegeboard account.
- Take the SAT or ACT at least twice during your junior year.
- Do a college search on Naviance, CollegeBoard, Niche (or any platform that you prefer) and begin to create your list of potential colleges that include target, reach and safety schools.
- Make a Common App account. Making an account now will save you time and stress later!
- If you have not done so already complete the Career Interest Profiler on Naviance and use the information to begin researching potential careers! I can reset this test if you'd like to take it again! Naviance > Self Discovery > Career Interest Profiler
- Start your resume on Naviance. This will be utilized for teacher recommendation letters as well as your college application. You'll be happy you did when you begin completing your college applications! Naviance > About Me Tab > Resume
- If interested in participating in athletics at the next level, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center (be sure to notify your counselor so that we can send your junior transcript to NCAA).
- Visit potential colleges. There's no better way to experience a campus than to actually make a visit!
- Who will you ask to write your letters of recommendation? Consider asking by the end of this year.
- Complete the Student Brag Sheet as soon as possible so that your counselor can start working on your recommendation letter. This can be found under your counselor's Google Classroom.
- Continue to research colleges - visit their websites, attend open houses and explore using Naviance (or another college research site). Modify your list on Naviance as you go so that when you return in September, you have a good idea of which schools you'll apply to. Most students apply to between five and eight schools.
- Visit or email me anytime with questions about the process – I'm happy to help!

Good Luck!

Tip: Put your important passwords (Collegeboard, Common App, etc...) in your phone so you don't have to search for them later!

Tip: Use a personal email account for any college related information. DO NOT USE YOUR DONOVAN CATHOLIC EMAIL. If you have a ton of unread emails on your personal account consider creating a gmail account specific for colleges.

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