

JUNIOR YEAR

- 1. Register and Take the PSAT** – The PSAT is given in October each year and is a good indicator of how you will do on your SAT. Juniors taking the PSAT are also eligible, based on their scores, for recognition as National Merit Scholars.
- 2. Visit with College Representatives at School** – Take the opportunity to explore the colleges and universities that visit your school throughout the year.
- 3. Take the Most Challenging Classes** – Keep your class schedule filled with rigorous classes. Take as many AP classes as you can handle and take the AP examination at the end of the school year if you are taking an AP class. Prepare throughout the school year for the examination.
- 4. Earn College Credit in High School** – You can take AP examinations when you are registered in AP classes, which will give you college credit by examination if you score high on the test. You also have the opportunity to take dual credit and to earn your associates degree while in high school, see your counselor for more information.
- 5. Discuss your College Plans** – Talk to your counselor and your family about your plans.
- 6. Investigate Colleges/Attend College Fairs** – Go to all of the college fairs available to you. Take time to make college visits to campuses you are interested in and investigate colleges and universities on the internet.
- 7. Utilize the CCR Center** – The GO Center is available to you to help you as you plan for college. There are many resources available to you including college brochures, scholarship information and information on financial aid.
- 8. Register for the SAT and ACT Examinations** – By now you should have been practicing for the SAT and ACT for many months. Take the SAT and ACT during the spring of your junior year in high school.

9. Begin working on College Applications – Begin preparing to fill out your college applications. Find out which application you must file, the fees associated with the application and find out the deadlines associated with each application. Now is a good time to prepare your essays.