

 **Junior Planning Calendar** 

DECEMBER

- ♠ If you are planning to attend college, continue to study for the SAT and ACT.
 - FREE test preparation sessions are offered once month on Late Arrival days. Check the announcements for details.
 - The SAT website (www.collegeboard.org) and ACT website (www.actstudent.org) both have extensive free test prep resources online.
 - The GRC and Columbus Academy also offer test preparation for a fee.
- ♠ Talk more extensively with your parents about post-secondary plans and financing a college education.
- ♠ Encourage your parents to attend Financial Aid Night.
- ♠ Prepare thoroughly for mid-term exams.
- ♠ Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations.
- ♠ Review your Progress Reports throughout second quarter. See your teachers if you are having difficulty.

JANUARY

- ♠ Rededicate yourself after Winter Break to achieve better grades.
 - Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- ♠ Review your report card. See your teachers and counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- ♠ GHS counselors visit junior English classes to guide students through the college search process, questions to ask on a campus visit, and how to choose a school.
- ♠ Familiarize yourself with your PSAT results. Your counselors will visit English classes to explain results.
 - Take advantage of additional online test preparation materials available after your PSAT results are returned.
- ♠ Encourage your parents to attend the College Information Night for Parents of Juniors.

FEBRUARY

- ♠ Begin planning your course selection for senior year.
 - See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- ♠ Register for the spring SAT and ACT. Also, you might possibly register for the SAT Subject Tests. (Verify if your potential college list includes schools that require the SAT Subject Tests.)
 - To register go to the SAT website (www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT website (www.actstudent.org)

MARCH

- ♠ Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations.
- ♠ Schedule college visits for Spring Break. Go to each school's 'Admissions' webpage for information on how to schedule your campus visit.
 - Use your College Handbook for 'Questions to Ask on a College Visit'.
- ♠ Review and revise your four-year high school course selection plan. Plan for courses that challenge you academically and will expose you to a variety of career possibilities.
- ♠ Review your Progress Reports throughout third quarter. See your teachers and counselor if you are having difficulty.
- ♠ Continue to attend local college fairs to build a reference library of materials.

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APRIL

- ♣ Review your report card. See your teachers and counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- ♣ Begin having more frequent talks with your parents about your future and your plans.
- ♣ Register for the spring SAT and ACT. Also, you might possibly register for the SAT Subject Tests. (Verify if your potential college list includes schools that require the SAT Subject Tests.)
 - To register go to the SAT website (www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT website (www.actstudent.org)
- ♣ Attend the Licking County College Fair at GHS
- ♣ Go to the 'Financial Aid Links' section of the Guidance and Counseling 'College Planning' website to link to Financial Aid sites.
 - Register for potential scholarship information on financial aid websites.

MAY

- ♣ Research the admission requirements for some colleges you might like to attend.
- ♣ Register for the spring SAT and ACT. Also, you might possibly register for the SAT Subject Tests. (Verify if your potential college list includes schools that require the SAT Subject Tests.)
 - To register go to the SAT website (www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT website (www.actstudent.org)
- ♣ Review your Progress Reports throughout fourth quarter.
 - See your teachers and counselor if you are having difficulty.
- ♣ Make final changes to your schedule for next year.

JUNE

- ♣ Prepare thoroughly for your final exams.
- ♣ Make plans for summer.

SUMMER

- ♣ Continue to prepare for the SAT exams. Practice, practice, practice.
- ♣ Begin planning and developing your college essays.
- ♣ Begin your summer reading for English class.
- ♣ Be involved in summer activities including sports, work, hobbies, and volunteer work.
- ♣ Visit more colleges. Take pictures and notes on each campus as they will start to run together!
- ♣ Add to your "Activity List". Plan how you will add to this summer!
- ♣ Begin looking at college applications as they become available on various schools' websites.
- ♣ Attend the GHS Common Application Workshop if you have schools that use the Common App.