

# Junior Planning Calendar

## AUGUST

- Your schedule should include courses that challenge academically. Your course selection should include rigorous and interesting electives as well as the required classes.
- Your junior year grades are crucial because they are your last chance to influence the GPA that will be indicated on your college applications and transcripts.
- Reevaluate your high school progress. Make the changes necessary to improve your academic and activity record.
- Join fall school activities, including student government, athletic teams, clubs, plays and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Use a planner to organize your homework and activities.

## SEPTEMBER

- Volunteer for school and community activities.
- Prepare for the PSAT by studying their guide and taking their practice test if you are planning to attend college. Register for the test with your school counselor.
- Visit the local college and career fairs to continue to explore your options.

## OCTOBER

- Make an appointment with your counselor if you have not yet had a meeting this year. Request a copy of your transcript so you understand how your high school courses are recorded. Review the transcript carefully to verify its accuracy.
- Discuss your career and/or college plans with your counselor and explore college and careers

## NOVEMBER

- Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.

## DECEMBER

- Register for a spring SAT or ACT. Continue studying for these tests.
- Prepare thoroughly for your mid-term examinations.

## **JANUARY**

- Rededicate yourself after the winter vacation to achieve better grades. Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- Begin planning your course selection for your senior year with your counselor. Review your tentative four-year high school course selection plan. Your schedule should include courses that challenge academically. The course selection should reflect your future plans.

## **FEBRUARY**

- Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Register for AP exams that you plan to take.

## **MARCH & APRIL**

- Visit some colleges over spring vacation. Call schools or register online in advance and make appointments.

## **MAY**

- Prepare thoroughly for your final examinations.
- Make plans for the summer. Think about taking a college course, attending a seminar or volunteering for a career related activity.
- Take AP Exams

## **SUMMER**

- Begin your summer reading for English class.
- Read non-assigned books, etc.
- Continue to prepare for the SAT and/or ACT exams. Practice, practice, practice.
- Begin planning and developing your college essays.
- Be involved in summer activities including sports, work, hobbies and community and volunteer services. Volunteer work is very important to many colleges.
- Save money for your college fund.
- Visit potential colleges. Make careful notes and take pictures as the schools will tend to run together as you visit others.
- Update your high school resume (a list of school and community experiences and awards). Plan how you will add to it this summer and in grade twelve.
- Plan your fall college selection and application process.