

Juniors – Class of 2011

Academic Planning Calendar 2009/2010

September

- Register for the October PSAT; registration dates are Sept. 21 to Oct. 2 (at lunch only), in front of the Music Bldg.
- Sign up for ASVAB in the ROP Office (P-12) (free test to help you determine career interests).
- Visit the AHS Career Center to identify sources of college and career information.
- Create a clear plan for taking the SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT and other college admission tests.
- Maintain your extracurricular record (all year).

October

- Take the PSAT on October 17. Junior year PSAT scores may qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship Competition, the National Achievement, and/or the National Hispanic Scholars Programs. So, even though these scores will not be used for college admission, it is still a good idea to take the PSAT. The PSAT is excellent preparation for the SAT Reasoning Test, which you may take in the spring.
- Take the ASVAB on Tuesday, October 20, at AHS.
- Attend college rep visits at AHS during lunch and after school. Scheduled visits and sign-ups are in the Career Center (P-13).

November

- Take the PLAN (preliminary ACT test) on November 14. The PLAN is excellent preparation for the ACT test.
- Visit the Career Center at lunch if you need information or assistance with college and career options.
- Junior year grades are extremely important in the college admission process, because they are a measure of how well you do in advanced, upper-level courses. Grades also are used to determine scholarships and grants for which you may be eligible. So put in the extra effort and keep those grades up!
- If needed, set up parent/student meetings with teachers in academic areas of difficulty or concern. Make a plan for improvement. (Teacher appointments: Phone Mrs. Harvey 626-821-1754).
- Have parents attend the Financial Aid Workshop, Part I, on Saturday, October 31, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the AHS North Gym.
- Start researching your options for grants, scholarships and work-study programs.

December

- Begin to make a preliminary list of colleges you would like to investigate further. Surf the Internet and use the college resources in the Career Center, including the Family Connection powered by NAVIANCE.
- Finalize your plans for taking the SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject Tests and/or ACT. Test dates and registration deadlines are listed in your Guidance Folder.
- When you begin to explore different colleges and universities, double-check to see if they prefer or require the ACT, the SAT Reasoning Test and/or the SAT Subject Tests. Many colleges accept the ACT (American College Test) or the SAT Reasoning Test. Some colleges require the ACT or both SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests.
- Consider a college visit during the Winter Break.
- Enjoy your Winter Break!

January

- PSAT/NMSQT score report should arrive. A guide will be enclosed with your results to help interpret and understand your score.

- Attend the PSAT Give Back Seminar at AHS on January 7, at 6:30 p.m. in MB1.
- Ask your parents for your Social Security number (required on many college applications). If you were never issued a Social Security number, contact the closest Social Security office as soon as possible to obtain a number.

February

- Read the Scholarship Bulletin (available in the Career Center) and visit the Career Center for more information.
- Visit www.collegeboard.com website to access SAT practice tests and/or to register for the March SAT test date.
- Visit www.actstudent.org to register for the April ACT test date.

March

- Write, telephone, or use the Internet to request admission literature and financial aid information from the colleges on your list. There is no charge and no obligation to obtain general information about admission and financial aid.
- When selecting your senior courses, be sure to continue to challenge yourself academically.

April

- Register for the May/June SAT Reasoning Test and/or the May/June SAT Subject Tests. Not all SAT Subject Tests are given on every test date. Check the calendar carefully to determine when the Subject Tests you want are offered. To send SAT scores to all CSU campuses, select code 3594. Register for the June ACT if you want to take that test.
- Continue to evaluate your list of colleges and universities. Eliminate colleges from the original list that no longer interest you and add others as appropriate.
- Consider visits to the 3-5 colleges on your final list over Spring Break. ***Seeing a college firsthand, taking a tour and talking to students can be the greatest help in deciding whether or not a school is right for you!***
- Attend a National College Fair:
 - * Sunday, April 25: 1:30-4:30 p.m. Anaheim Convention Center
 - * Tuesday, April 27: 6:00-9:00 p.m. Pasadena Conference Center &
 - * Wednesday, April 28: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pasadena Conference Center

May

- Take the SAT Reasoning and/or Subject Tests.
- Be aware of fall test dates and deadlines (during your senior year) for any SAT and/or ACT exams you wish to re-take.
- Senior Data Sheet due – ***keep a copy for yourself!***
- Compile information on scholarship opportunities and deadlines.
- Get a jump start on summer activities-consider enrolling in an academic course at a local college, pursuing a summer school program, applying for an internship, working, or volunteering.

June

- Take the SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests and/or ACT exams if you haven't already taken them.
- Keep up extracurricular activities and community service work.
- After school ends, get on the road to visit more colleges. Although it is ideal to visit colleges during the academic year, going in the summer will also be valuable.

Summer

- Continue to refine your list of potential colleges and universities.
- Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes.
- Complete the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form if you hope to play Division I or II sports. (This form cannot be mailed until you finish your sixth semester of high school.) When registering for the SAT or ACT, please select code 9999 to send scores to NCAA.