

## **JUNIOR YEAR:**

### **FALL SEMESTER**

- Continue to maintain positive grades and show a strong work ethic. Keep in mind that you may rely on some of your junior year teachers to provide you with a letter of recommendation for college admission purposes.
- Continue to get involved within the school and community.
- Visit college campuses and college/career fairs (Possible field trip opportunities).
  - o Visit at least 3 post-secondary institutions by the end of junior year.
- Career Cruising: Revisit your career portfolio and identify career attributes related to your career interests.
- Identify possible college majors based on your career interests.
- Continue with PSAT/SAT preparation through Khan Academy.
- Adjust 4-year plan through Career Cruising as needed.
- If you plan to play sports at the college level, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

### **SPRING SEMESTER**

- Select a rigorous schedule for senior year (explore AP and dual credit options).
- Continue to do extensive research of potential colleges you would like to attend.
- Create a resume. Be sure to include school related activities you have been involved in, work/volunteer experiences, awards received, and other significant performances or successes.
- Take the SAT.
  - o If you are interested in applying to any highly competitive universities, sign up to take SAT Subject Tests in the spring/early summer (Check college webpages for subject test suggestions or requirements).
- Consider taking the ACT in the spring/early summer.
- Consider requesting letters of recommendations from teachers/counselor as needed prior to the start of summer.

### **SUMMER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Continue to volunteer/seek part-time employment
- Enroll in summer enrichment courses/summer programs.
- Continue preparing for the SAT using Khan Academy.
- Identify appropriate test dates to retake the SAT or ACT in the fall.
- Finalize the list of colleges you plan to apply to: "Likely" schools, "Probable" schools, and "Reach" schools.
  - o Research application materials needed for each university.
  - o Identify application deadlines and financial aid deadlines for each university.
- Start planning your college admission essay.
  - o Review essay prompts from the universities you plan to apply to.
  - o Complete rough drafts for college admission essays.