JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

By keeping track of your progress on this outline for college planning your senior year college search will be smooth sailing.

September to November

- Meet with your counselor and finalize your schedule.
- Register for the PSAT test in October.
- Identify potential career choices by taking a career interest test.

December to January

- Review your PSAT results and identify areas needing attention.
- Maintain good grades and look at possible course changes for second semester which might make sense for your plans.
- If you plan to play Division I or II sports, see your coach or athletic director for information about college athletics recruiting.

February to April

- Begin to research colleges by visiting college web sites, reading articles, and talking with teachers, friends, relatives, and past graduates of your high school.
- Make arrangements to have your junior college interview with your guidance counselor.
- Attend with your parents the Junior College Planning Night at your school.
- Have a working list of colleges that you will begin to focus on in the late spring and summer. There is no magic number but 10 to 15 make sense for many.

May to August

- Attend college fairs to learn more about the colleges on your working list.
- If necessary take the SAT and/or ACT as well as any SAT II Subject Tests.
- Develop a list of potential questions to ask college admissions counselors.
- Compile a list of potential questions to ask college tour guides.
- If you are planning to play Division I or II sports now is the time to get an NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form from your coach or athletic director.
- Arrange dates for college tours and interviews.
- Compile a resume that includes your academic history, awards, achievements, talents, extracurricular activities, community service and other information you think a college might want to know about you.
- Think about teachers you might ask for a letter of recommendation.
- Review the typical essay questions on the Common Application and consider how you would begin writing your essay.

Keep in mind that junior year is your last opportunity to significantly impact your GPA as it will be the last full year of grades sent to colleges in the fall. So maintaining good grades throughout the year and finishing strongly will be very important in terms of your college opportunities. Good luck!