



## The School Counseling Office

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### Junior Year Timeline

	<b>Admissions</b>	<b>Financial</b>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend college fairs.</li> <li>Attend college rep visits at CHS.</li> </ul>	
<b>October/November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take the PSAT/NMSQT here at CHS.</li> <li>Register for AP exams through MyAP.</li> <li>Continue and increase depth of involvement in service, clubs, and activities.</li> </ul>	
<b>December/January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check PSAT scores in your College Board account and use your results to prepare for SAT through Khan Academy.</li> <li>Take advantage of online practice assessments and SAT review.</li> <li>Sign up for SAT questions of the day.</li> </ul>	
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior College Planning Kick-off Night</li> <li>Check the CHS website for college search websites to research colleges.</li> <li>Make a list of colleges that interest you &amp; visit (if possible) during the break.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend SUNY Financial Aid Days.</li> <li>Use net price calculator tool on college websites.</li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend college open houses.</li> <li><a href="#">SAT</a> (offered)</li> <li>Begin preparation for AP &amp; IB exams.</li> <li>Attend the NACAC National College Fair (Buffalo/Niagara Convention Center).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start discussing college finances with your parents.</li> </ul>

<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ACT</a> (offered)</li> <li>• Athletes – get NCAA guide, sign up with NCAA Eligibility Center.</li> <li>• Visit colleges during the breaks/district days off.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look for summer job opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered)</li> <li>• Take AP &amp; IB exams. Do your best.</li> <li>• Take career interest inventories to identify careers and college majors that would be a good fit for you. See what requirements are at different schools for the major you are interested in.</li> <li>• Look at the Occupational Outlook Handbook to examine career prospects aligned with what you're looking at majoring in.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Search for scholarship sources (including Web searches).</li> </ul>
<b>June-August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ACT</a> and <a href="#">SAT</a> offered (June &amp; August)</li> <li>• Create resume'.</li> <li>• Begin preparing your college essay.</li> <li>• Log onto <a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a> and <a href="http://www.suny.edu">www.suny.edu</a>.</li> <li>• Visit colleges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save summer earnings for college.</li> <li>• Search for scholarship opportunities.</li> </ul>

### Senior Year Timeline

#### Admissions

#### Financial

<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Resume</li> <li>• <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered)</li> <li>• Prepare college essay.</li> <li>• Determine which application you will use (Common, SUNY, Coalition, etc).</li> <li>• Begin college applications and keep track of application passwords.</li> <li>• Visit college campuses.</li> <li>• Review standardized test dates, schools' testing policies, &amp; deadlines.</li> </ul>	
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ACT</a> and <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered)</li> <li>• Continue preparing college applications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create FAFSA ID (fafsa.ed.gov).</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with college representatives during visits here to CHS. Attend open houses.</li> <li>• Attend college fairs (CAO, SUNY, HBCU, etc).</li> <li>• Request college info (including financial aid/housing).</li> <li>• Finalize college choices.</li> <li>• Meet with your school counselor for your senior review.</li> <li>• Ask 2 teachers for letters of recommendations.</li> <li>• Continue finalizing college essays.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register for <u>CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE</u>, if necessary.</li> <li>• Decide on Early Action/Early Decision options.</li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• Keep track of all application components and deadlines.</li> <li>• Finish early decision/action applications</li> <li>• <a href="#">ACT</a> and/or <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered)</li> <li>• Register for AP exams through MyAP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Financial Aid Night @ CHS.</li> <li>• October 1<sup>st</sup> - FAFSA app opens.</li> <li>• FAFSA/TAP should be completed ASAP.</li> <li>• Search and apply for scholarships.</li> </ul>
<b>November</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered).</li> <li>• Keep track of all application components and deadlines.</li> <li>• Be conscious of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter senior grades.</li> <li>• Counselors send out 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades for schools that require them.</li> <li>• Check the scholarship drawer in Guidance, the CHS website, and the resources section of your class' Schoology group.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have submitted FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Carefully review for accuracy.</li> <li>• Search and apply for scholarships.</li> </ul>
<b>December/January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• <a href="#">ACT</a> and <a href="#">SAT</a> (offered).</li> <li>• Keep track of all application components and deadlines.</li> <li>• Try to have your applications in by the last day before Christmas break.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review financial aid packages as they arrive.</li> <li>• Continue searching and applying for scholarships.</li> </ul>

<b>February/March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• Relax. Many college decisions are mailed out in April.</li> <li>• Begin preparing for AP &amp; IB exams.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue searching and applying for scholarships.</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• Visits schools where accepted, if needed.</li> <li>• Make final decision &amp; send deposit (typically by May 1st).</li> <li>• If wait-listed, contact admissions office if still interested.</li> <li>• Follow the school’s procedure for college housing and orientation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete SAY YES application.</li> <li>• Continue searching/applying for scholarships.</li> </ul>
<b>May/June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep grades &amp; attendance up – it matters.</li> <li>• Do your best on AP and IB exams.</li> <li>• Athletes – request final transcript for NCAA Eligibility Center.</li> <li>• Complete Senior Exit Survey &amp; SLI Survey.</li> <li>• Settle all senior debts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue searching and applying for scholarships.</li> <li>• Analyze projected first-year college budget.</li> <li>• Counselors send out final transcripts after graduation.</li> </ul>