

High School Junior Planning Calendar

<u>Summer Before Junior Year</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review your post graduate plans and decide which path is right for you. Pathways include: College or University, Vocational School Career or Job, Military Careers Keep in mind that colleges often look for challenging coursework, a strong GPA and involvement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with admissions representatives who are visiting your school. Learn about colleges. Look at their websites, talk to friends, family members, teachers and friends or family who currently attend college. Visit the Guidance office and sign up for the PSAT exam Study and look at the PSAT page at www.collegeboard.org Think about how you will pay for college. Talk to your parents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the PSAT and National Qualifying Test (NMQST) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mid October at CLCS ◆ Bring your calculator Meet with college representatives that visit CLCS Attend college fairs Online exploration for colleges at collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/advtypeofschool.jsp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider Registering for ACT and/or SAT (January -June). Go to collegeboard.com to get the registration and test dates. Begin putting together a list of ten colleges that you would like to visit or possibly attend. (you should plan to apply to at least 4 colleges.)
<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check with the college you are applying to and find out about specific testing requirements and whether SAT II Subject tests are required. Use collegeboard.com/quickstart or careercruising.com to explore careers and colleges Attend Financial Aid Night @ Westfield Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 5-8 schools that interest you the most Begin thinking about which colleges you want to visit. Register and study for the upcoming ACT's or SAT's. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay open to all the possibilities - don't limit your search. Apply to colleges of varying selectivity as well as public, private, in-state, or out of state, so you have plenty of options to choose from. (Think Targets, Reaches, and a safety net school.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact your counselor if you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships. If you want either of these you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year. Make sure you have taken the SAT or ACT by end of Junior year
<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Summer before Senior Year</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review your goals – what do you need to accomplish? Grades, community service, work experience... Begin scheduling visits to 3 to 5 colleges on your final list. If appropriate, apply for an interview. Begin preparing essays for college admissions and scholarship applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at some college apps – see what information you will need to compile Make a list of teachers, counselors and employers whom you may ask for letters of recommendations for your college applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue investigating colleges Work on your essay for applications before returning to school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan summer visits to colleges you are interested in attending. Begin working on college applications. Generally, colleges have their applications online by August.