



JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR 2020 - 2021

WELCOME TO YOUR JUNIOR YEAR!!!

SEPTEMBER

- Starts with you: Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences & personal qualities when selecting a college.
- List things you may want to study & do in college.
- Learn about colleges. Look at their websites.
- Learn the dates for PSAT, SAT and ACT.
- ***Clemens is paying for all 11th graders to take the test on 3/3/21. Clemens will register all students for this exam.***
- You and your parents will need to decide on additional SAT and/or ACT test dates that work best for you, then go online and register for that test and date.
- Visit collegeboard.org or act.org for free personalized plans to help you study for the SAT/ACT.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, please see Ms. Janszen or our website for payment due dates. All payments can be made through www.myschoolbucks.com.

OCTOBER

- Learn about colleges. Look at their websites.
- Visit with college representatives when they come to our campus.
- Talk to friends, family, teachers, and recent grads of our school now in college.
- List the college features that interest you.
- Check out the resources in the Clemens Library.

- Attend **College & Career Night** which will be held **November 2, 2020 from 6-8 PM. This will be a virtual event.** 100+ Colleges, Universities, Trade Schools, Military Recruiters and Employers will be present at the event.
- Bring a list of questions you want to ask representatives about colleges in which you are interested. That is why they come—they want to answer your questions and give you information.
- You will have the opportunity to take the PSAT January 26, 2021 here at Clemens.
- When you receive your scores from the PSAT, you will also be given your test book to help you prepare for the SAT or ACT later this year---have you chosen a test date yet?
- When you get your scores for PSAT or SAT, **visit [khanacademy.org/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)** for tailored practice plans based on your scores.
- If you are taking International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, register and pay for IB Exams. Please see Ms. Riordan for payment due dates.
- Register for classes for your senior year. Your counselor will meet with you to discuss courses you need for high school graduation and courses you may need for college entrance.

NOVEMBER

- Consult college websites for information about colleges/universities.
- Request information from colleges in which you are interested---admission info, housing, college catalogs.
- Check the ***Clemens Counselors Website*** for college open houses and information sessions taking place in our area.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.
- If you are interested in joining the military, sign up with Mrs. Gossett in A200 to take the **ASVAB** (military job placement test). It will be given **November 19th** here at Clemens or you can always schedule with a military recruiter to take it at the recruiting office.

DECEMBER

- Begin to look at available information regarding financial aid and scholarships.
- Check the ***Clemens Counselors Website*** regularly for scholarships.
- The College Board website has a financial aid calculator at www.collegeboard.org which you and your parents may use to estimate how much aid you might receive.
- Study and be prepared for your mid-term exams.
- Retake STAAR EOC if necessary to meet graduation requirements.

JANUARY

- SAT and/or ACT---be sure to be registered to take one of these entrance exams on one of the spring test dates.
- You can link to both SAT and ACT registration websites from the homepage of the ***Clemens Counselors Website***.
- You can download practice booklets from www.collegeboard.org for the SAT or from www.act.org for the ACT.
- The code for Clemens is 446-365.
- When you get your scores for PSAT or SAT, **visit [khanacademy.org/sat](https://www.khanacademy.org/sat)** for tailored practice plans based on your scores. This program offers a personalized college planning kit which includes: your PSAT score report with projected SAT score ranges, a customized SAT

study plan, practice test, a personalized list of colleges—which can be expanded or refined to suit your interests, a personalized list of majors and careers, and access to ***BigFuture*** –a comprehensive college, majors and career exploration program.

FEBRUARY-MARCH.

- Visit some local colleges---large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what type of school might best suit you.
- Plan a strong academic senior year.
- Have you registered yet to take SAT or ACT? If not, you need to do so now. The deadline for the last test dates for 2020-2021 are coming up soon!
- Develop a list of 10-12 colleges that interest you.
- Visit websites for general information as well as information about financial aid and academic programs.
- Visit some colleges over your spring break— call first to make sure they will be in session and to arrange a tour.
- **All juniors will take the SAT on March 3, 2021 at Clemens High School.**

APRIL

- Retake STAAR EOC if necessary to meet graduation requirements.
- If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, contact your counselor before leaving school for the summer.
- If you will be applying for a ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.
- Visit some local colleges---large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what type of school might best suit you.

MAY

- Take or retake STAAR EOC if necessary to meet graduation requirements.
- If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, check with your coach and ask when you should register with NCAA Eligibility Center.
- In the summer, find a full-time or part-time job, or participate in a camp or summer College.
- Create a resume—a record of accomplishments, activities, community service and work experiences for grades 9-12 (see the simple resume form below).
- Visit colleges. Take campus tours. Make appointments to have an interview at colleges you are serious about.
- Study and be prepared for your final exams.

Get a copy of the Senior Year Planning Calendar.

SAMPLE

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Profile – High School senior skilled in athletics and working with children in sports-related activities. Dependable and mature; seeking admission to a college where I can study Sports Medicine.

Education

HS Diploma: Graduation Date - June 2011 from NC High School, Fairfield, CT

GPA: 3.6 **SAT:** Critical Reasoning - 620 Math - 540 Writing – 560

AP Courses Completed: English, Biology, U.S. History

Honors and Awards

- High School Honor Roll (2006-Present)
- High School Coaches Association Award (2008)
- Varsity Indoor Track (2008- 2009)
- Varsity Lacrosse (2007-2009)
- All Conference Lacrosse (2008)
- All Conference Academic (all sports 2006-Present)

Extracurricular Activities

- Varsity Swim Team (2005-2008, Captain 2009); YMCA Swim Team (2005-2007)
- Varsity Indoor Track - Sprinter (2008- Present)
- Lacrosse Varsity (2007-09); Captain (2008-Present)
- Key Club Participant (2007-Present)

Community Service

- Teacher's Assistant - Physics/Science teacher (2008-2009)
- Relay for Life - Organized events for three years (2007-Present)
- Big Brother/ Big Sister - Coordinated afterschool activities- JR Middle School (2008-Present)
- Brookfield Youth Lacrosse Clinic - trained techniques to 8-10 year olds (2008)

Employment

- Lifeguard/Instructor – Lake Town Park, Stamford, CT (2007-Present)
- Lifeguard/Swim Instructor, Green View, YMCA, Fairfield, CT (2007-Present)
- Cashier, TJ Maxx, Fairfield, CT (2006-2008)
- Soccer Referee, YMCA, Fairfield CT (2004-2007)

Additional Training: Red Cross CPR/AED Certification, Waterfront Lifeguard, Certified Soccer Referee
