Junior Planning Checklist

September/October

- ❑ Investigate college credit courses
- ❑ Register and take PSAT
- ❑ Attend a college fair
- ❑ Start your college search (Naviance)
- ❑ Focus on grades
- ❑ Volunteer and join clubs/sports
- ❑ Register at scholarship websites
- ❑ Take a Test Prep Course & get practice guides
- ❑ Utilize Method Test Prep
- ❑ Student Athletes register with NCAA

November/ December

- ❑ Check your PSAT score report online and get started on Khan Academy for test prep
- ❑ Find your Social Security Number for college apps
- ❑ Talk to adults about their college experiences

January/February/March

- ❑ Register for the ACT or SAT in the spring
- ❑ Schedule visits at local colleges
- ❑ Begin search for scholarships
- ❑ Register for the AP Exams
- ❑ Begin search for scholarships
- ❑ Update your list of extracurricular activities
- ❑ Visit colleges during spring break
- ❑ Attend college fair at the BHS
- ❑ Practice for admissions interviews

April/May

- ❑ Meet with Your Counselor
- ❑ Sign up for June SAT and/or ACT
- ❑ Start planning summer college visits
- ❑ Make sure your senior year schedule fulfills college requirements
- ❑ If you plan to play sports, send a letter of interest to prospective colleges
- ❑ Begin to write your personal statement/college essay
- ❑ Ask for letters of recommendation

June/ Summer

- ❑ Use Naviance Family Connection to compile a list of colleges that you wish to apply to in the fall
- ❑ Visit top colleges
- ❑ Ask teachers and counselors for letters of recommendation
- ❑ Register for September ACT

Senior Planning Checklist

September

- ❑ Attend a financial Aid Night
- ❑ Polish your list of colleges
- ❑ Register at commonapp.org
- ❑ Start your applications
- ❑ Register for October SAT/ACT
- ❑ Meet with counselor; finalize college list on Naviance Family Connection, including safety, target, and reach schools
- ❑ Ask counselor for college app fee waiver (you will need to qualify for free or reduced lunch)
- ❑ Begin writing college essay if you haven't already
- ❑ Continue scholarship searches local and national
- ❑ Get student and parent FSA Id number for FAFSA
- ❑ Complete activity resume

October

- ❑ Decide if you are applying early action (EA) or early decision (ED)
- ❑ Get feedback on your college essay from teachers/counselors
- ❑ Polish your application essays
- ❑ Complete the FAFSA – Need prior year tax return

November

- ❑ Finish applications and essays
- ❑ Be sure to keep updating colleges on Naviance Family Connection
- ❑ Apply to colleges with rolling admissions, EA, and ED
- ❑ Submit student transcript request form to counselor
- ❑ Complete all final applications

December

- ❑ Apply for scholarships

January/February

- ❑ Contact colleges that all application materials have been received

March

- ❑ Begin receiving decisions from colleges – update Naviance Family Connection with results!

April

- ❑ Compare financial aid packages
- ❑ Make a final decision, accept the aid, mail a deposit check, and notify other colleges that you will not be attending. Tell the guidance office where you are going. MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1st

May/June/Summer

- ❑ Send AP grades reports and final transcripts to college
- ❑ Enjoy Graduation!