

# Sophomore Year - 2nd Semester Planning

- **Review Graduation Plan (Career plan, college and postsecondary plan, testing plan, and graduation pathways plan.)**
- PSAT Score Report
  - Access online resources through your College Board account and review your answers to prepare for future tests. ([www.psat.org/scorereport](http://www.psat.org/scorereport))
- Review four-year plan and diploma track.
- Explore Naviance Student: <https://student.naviance.com/shelbyvilleshs>
  - Take a career interest inventory ("About Me>Assessments>Do What You Are & Strengths Explorer"), explore careers and colleges, and take a learning style assessment.
  - Add careers to your list of "Careers and Clusters I'm Thinking About"
  - Add colleges to your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About"
  - Search for Scholarships
  - View suggested high school courses for careers of interest
  - Add your high school activities, volunteer work, and work experience in your "About Me>My Stuff>Résumé" tab to have your résumé ready for future scholarships & college applications.
- Complete sophomore Scholar Success activities if you are a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar at [www.scholartrack.org](http://www.scholartrack.org). You must also earn a 2.5GPA on the Core 40 diploma track.
- Complete the FAFSA4caster at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/estimate> and/or the EFC Estimator at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/tools-calculators> with your parents'/guardians' help to see how affordable college may be for you.
- Get involved!
  - Participate in clubs, sports, and volunteer activities.
- Set high expectations and achieve your goals.
  - Obtain all of your credits. Set a goal GPA appropriate for your future plans.
  - Seek tutoring if needed.
    - **\*Free help with Math & Science** is available through Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Call **1-877-ASK-ROSE** or go online at **www.AskRose.org** to get help from current college students.
    - Khan Academy has video explanations for math, science, & history [www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/)
    - Arrange for individual tutoring if needed. (List available in the counseling office.)

## **Important Dates:**

- Sophomore/Junior Parent Night – May 5 at 6:00PM
- Underclassmen Awards Program – May 5 at 7:00PM
- AP Testing – May 3-17, 2021
- SAT at SHS – May 8, 2021 (Registration deadline: April 8) [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org)
- ACT at a neighboring school – April 17, 2021 (Registration deadline: March 12), June 12, 2021 (Registration deadline: May 7), or July 17, 2021 (Registration deadline: June 18) [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## **Looking ahead** **JUNIOR YEAR:**

- **Take college entrance exams - SAT/ACT**
  - *Recommend taking at least **twice** during junior year.*
  - *Fee waivers are available in the counseling office for qualified students.*
  - *Prep materials are available online. Access your PSAT score report for customized practice tests.)*
- **Visit college campuses** (Two excused absences. Pre-arranged college visit form in front office.)
- **Meet college representatives and/or military recruiters at SHS.**
- **Attend the College and Career Fair in the fall.**