

College and Career Checklist for Juniors

<p>August/September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Military-bound students:</i> set up appointments with military recruiters and decide which branch is the right fit for you. • Complete 1 or 2 career inventory assessments to determine a career path. • Research career paths to determine if it requires a college degree or vocational training. • Begin researching post-secondary options. • Consider taking 1 COS concurrent class. • Start an academic resume- list clubs, honors, extra curricular, community service, leadership positions. 	<p>February/March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin SAT Prep classes as needed. • Sign up for the SAT test this spring or summer. • Start organizing your college wish list. Compare admission rates and admission requirements. • Keep your grades up! • Begin thinking about a summer job or summer classes at COS.
<p>October/November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a professional personal email to use for all college applications or job searches. No nicknames. • College bound- make sure you are meeting your A-G requirements. • Pass all classes with a C or better. • Boost your resume by joining school clubs or community service clubs. • Sign up for COS Spring Concurrent classes in November. • Start making a list of colleges. 	<p>April/May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Military-bound students:</i> meet with your recruiter to set up a summer plan. • Start visiting colleges during Spring Break and summer. • Pass all your classes. Give your GPA a boost! • Start finalizing your college list. • Sign up to take the SAT before October. • Update your academic resume- list clubs, honors, extra curricular, community service, leadership positions. • Make sure all A-G requirements are on track to be met by graduation. • Register for COS classes for Fall.
<p>December/January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finish the semester strong. Junior year grades are very important to colleges. • Continue researching colleges during Winter Break. Try visiting one or two if you can! • Seek out opportunities to volunteer over break. • Update your academic resume. 	<p>June/July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit colleges • Seek out volunteer or community service opportunities to add to your academic resume • Start drafting college essays • Update your academic resume

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College

- ☐ Start a list of your favorite colleges and research admission requirements. “Make a copy” of [this spreadsheet](#) and customize it.
- ☐ Review your transcript with your EC and make sure you are completing your A-G requirements.
- ☐ Monitor your GPA. College-bound students should be earning a C or better.
- ☐ Consider taking a COS class.
- ☐ (optional) Sign up to take the PSAT in the Fall if you did not take it in 10th grade.
- ☐ (optional) Sign up to take the SAT by August. <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

Career

- ☐ Complete career interest surveys and record your results.
<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>
<https://www.cacareerzone.org/>
- ☐ Conduct your own research into careers that you are interested in. Look for information about the type of education or training required and if benefits like health insurance or retirement savings accounts are typical.

Military

- ☐ Research the different branches of the military and career options available.
<https://www.careersinthemilitary.com/home>
- ☐ Reach out to a local recruiter and set up a meeting.
- ☐ Work with your recruiter to sign up to take the ASVAB.

General Guidance

- ☐ Get involved in clubs and/or community service.
- ☐ Build a basic resume and update it each year.
- ☐ Keep your social media accounts controversy-free. Future employers and college recruiters might look!
- ☐ Create a professional, personal email. No nicknames or slang.

Contact your EC if you need help or set up an appointment with Alisha.