

JUNIOR CLASS COLLEGE PREP INFORMATION SHEET

When preparing for college, know the following...

1. GRADES! Your Junior year grades are the last grades colleges will see on your transcript. Make them the best you can to put a strong foot forward. Prepare to take challenging courses your Senior year. Colleges will see your Senior year course load.
2. PSAT – Deadline to submit registration form and payment was September 9. Test date scheduled for Wednesday, October 12. This provides more exposure to this type of standardized test and practice opportunities. Results available December/January and will offer individualized study guides based on your answers. Can qualify for scholarships such as National Merit Scholarship Program and other scholarships.
3. SAT- Preparation materials & **Register** through www.collegeboard.org

Test Date	Deadline to Register
October 1	September 20 (late)
November 5	October 7
December 3	November 3
March 11	February 10
May 6	April 7
June 3	May 4

Registration Fee: \$60

Fee Waivers available for students on Free/Reduced Meals. See your Counselor if you qualify. If used, can also waive college application fees at participating colleges.

4. ACT- Preparation materials & **Register** through www.act.org

Test Date	Deadline to Register
October 22	September 16
December 10	November 4
February 11	January 6
April 15	March 10
June 10	May 5
July 15	June 16

Registration Fee: \$63 with no Writing \$88 with Writing section

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5. Research colleges:
 - a. www.collegeboard.org Create profile through Match Maker. Go through My College Quick Start link.
 - b. Xello website. Go through CCPS website, click on Student Tab, then Xello. Login with your school username & password.

6. Look at college websites:
 - a. Academics – majors, programs, career opportunities
 - b. Admissions – requirements, evaluation criteria, process, deadlines
 - c. Financial Aid & Tuition – in state/out of state, tuition, room & board, scholarships

7. Visiting colleges- schedule date/time through Admissions office, College Open House

8. College representatives come to NHS during lunches and Patriot Time:
 - Advertised on NHS Guidance website and in Guidance

9. Resume building – begin/continue to put together a time line of activities to include employment, volunteer, athletics, accolades, leadership positions, school/community activities

10. Ethical issues
 - Maintaining clean school discipline/attendance record & legal record
 - Monitoring your social media & Internet activities
 - College admissions counselors, coaches, military recruiters, and potential employers can search your history, see your profile and anything that is posted about/with you.

QUESTIONS??

Call or send an email to your school counselor:

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Guidance website: <http://northernguidance.weebly.com/>

Join the Junior Class Remind for important updates/reminders!!

- families with last names A – D: Send a text to 81010 with this message: @7ek2297
- families with last names E – K: Send a text to 81010 with this message: @ge6e69
- families with last names L – R: Send a text to 81010 with this message: @24979f
- families with last names S – Z: Send a text to 81010 with this message: @ke7abc