

# **SCHEDULE FOR COLLEGE PLANNING**

## **JUNIOR YEAR**

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Give some serious thought to your reasons for wanting to attend college. Evaluate your goals, your values, your interests and abilities. Start researching information about careers and schools that interest you. Feel free to use the resources Naviance has to offer regarding college and career planning. If you are unsure of your Naviance login or password, email your counselor for assistance.
- Be certain that you are carrying a solid college preparatory program and are on target to meet all graduation requirements.
- Be aware of the upcoming PSAT test. The test occurs in October.
- Start talking about finances with parents/guardians.
- Attend junior college meeting with your school counselor to review college planning process.

### **OCTOBER**

- Take the PSAT, it is great practice for the SAT.
- Attend virtual college fairs, college events and college visits.
- Attend local college fairs and financial aid meetings.
- Start planning for college visitations throughout your junior year.

### **NOVEMBER**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> marking period ends this month. Focus on keeping up your grades. This is an important year.

### **DECEMBER**

- Schedule a meeting with your counselor to go over your PSAT results. Read material sent with your scores and create a plan of improvement using Khan Academy via your account on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).
- Attend class meeting to go over how to sign up for the SAT/ACT test,

### **JANUARY**

- Decide what type of college you are looking for. Determine what factors are important to you.
- Utilize the Super College Match on Naviance.
- Create a "List of Colleges I'm Thinking About" on Naviance.
- Consider taking an SAT Review course. Our Adult School offers one in the fall and early spring.
- Meet with your counselor to go over how to sign up for the SAT test.
- Develop an individualized testing schedule. Remember to keep track of deadlines.
- Complete the Naviance Family Connection "Strengths Explorer" questionnaire on-line.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period ends this month. Do not forget to focus on those grades.
- Sign up for the SAT at Kittatinny in March.

### **FEBRUARY/MARCH**

- Meet with your counselor to schedule your senior year courses. Take careful consideration in your choices. Make sure you are meeting the requirements of the colleges you are interested in. If you are an athlete, make sure to meet all the NCAA standards.
- Meet with your counselor to begin preparing a list of colleges to explore. Use the Internet, Naviance, college guide books, and computer software as resource material. Several helpful websites are listed in your College Planning Guide.
- Write, email or call colleges on your list to request materials such as applications, viewbooks, DVD's and/or catalogs.
- Take the SAT at Kittatinny in March

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## APRIL

- Consider taking the ACT as an alternative to the SAT test.
- Set up appointments with colleges to visit campuses for tours and open houses, etc.
- Students interested in a military academy should contact their counselor to start the application process.
- Attend the New Jersey Virtual National College Fair and speak with college representatives.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period ends this month. How about those grades?

## MAY

- Another chance to take the SAT.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation. Be sure to request letters verbally and electronically on Naviance.
- Put together a typed student resume (should be a work in progress on Google Docs) and continue to refine so your final version will be ready for September.

## JUNE

- Another chance to take the SAT or ACT.
- Take the SAT, Subject Tests. This is only necessary if your college choice(s) recommend it.
- Continue to research, visit and refine your list of colleges on Naviance.
- Athletes should register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Athletes should be compiling interest packets to be sent to college coaches.
- June marks the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period and school year. Keep in mind, only final grades will show on your transcripts.

## JULY/AUGUST

- Unofficial transcripts, which will include class rank and grade point average, will be mailed home at the end of August or early September.
- If your spring SAT/ACT scores have revealed any weaknesses, plan a program of self-improvement.
- Visit colleges. Take tours and have interviews. Open communication lines with coaches and other representatives of special talent areas.
- Athletes should send interest packets out of coaches.
- Continue to refine your college list on Naviance.
- Review your testing plan for the SAT test, ACT or SAT Subject Test. Register for one or more of these tests that will be administered in the fall. **Keep track of the deadlines.**

**NOTE:**           **Counselors are a great resource.**  
                      **Feel free to call if you have questions or concerns (973) 383-1800, ext. 1200.**

## EASY REFERENCE – IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

<http://connection-naviance.com/kittatinny>  
[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)  
[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
[www.krhs.net](http://www.krhs.net) - Click on Guidance, Naviance