



CLASS OF 2025

Junior Night

for Students, Parents, and Caregivers

October 25, 2023 at 7 pm

The College Search:

Important Considerations to Reflect Upon

Self-Assessment – Know yourself!

- ☐ Why do you want to go to college? Looking for intellectual challenge?
Preparing for a career? Parent expectation?
- ☐ What kind of class situation do you like best? Small discussion? Large lecture? Self-directed? Highly structured?
- ☐ What clubs, activities or sports are essential to your happiness?

Research:

Resources for College information and statistics can be found in print and online

- ❑ **Online search programs:** <http://student.naviance.com/whrhs>, www.princetonreview.com ,
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>, www.niche.com, www.petersons.com, www.unigo.com,
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>
- ❑ Review the **college websites** and look at visit options, review majors, and admission procedures; take note of special programs
- ❑ **College Visits:** some are having visits now, others may begin opening in the spring, again check the websites!
 - ❑ **NACAC College Fairs:** <https://www.nacacattend.org/fairs/>
- ❑ **Junior Conference:** January – Mid February parents/guardians are invited to attend with students to meet with the counselors

Preparation and Timeline Overview:

What are you doing NOW? Make your Application Impressive!

- ❑ **Application:** Demographic/Background Information/School Specific Information for each college
- ❑ **Academics:** The Transcript is your most important credential. Your grades and GPA will be important to your future. Colleges will see senior courses but your grades after this year are your grades. Make the most of Junior Year to demonstrate your academic work, effort, results.
- ❑ Develop relationships with your teachers, considering **letters of recommendation** may be required for your college application
- ❑ **Activities:** What do you like to do outside the classroom
- ❑ **Personal Statement/Essay**

TESTING:

- ❑ SAT/ACT
- ❑ Test Optional
- ❑ www.Collegeboard.org and www.ACT.org
 - ❑ WHRHS Code is 311231
 - ❑ Register early!

SAT/ACT: Dates and Deadlines

SAT	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	ACT	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 2	November 2	December 9	November 3
March 9	February 23	February 10	January 5
May 4	April 19	April 13	March 8
June 1	May 16	June 8	May 3
August 24	July	July 13	June 7

Financial Aid:



Available October 1- Senior Year

- ❑ **FAFSA:** www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ❑ **CSS Profile:** <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>
- ❑ **Attend Financial Aid Night :** September 2024

Utilize Now

- ❑ **Net Price Calculator:** via individual college websites
- ❑ **Scholarships with the following links:**
<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>, <https://www.fastweb.com/>,
<https://www.niche.com/colleges/scholarships/>,
<https://www.scholarships.com>

College Athletics:

Register online with NCAA Eligibility Center:

<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>

- ❑ Be aware of **NCAA requirements** for eligibility
- ❑ Familiarize yourself with how/when to contact coaches
- ❑ Request a transcript be sent to the NCAA at the end of junior year

Other Post-Secondary Options:

- ❑ **Alternatives to Traditional College:**

<https://www.collegiateparent.com/high-school/alternatives-to-traditional-college/>

- ❑ **Gap Year:** Travel or Work

<https://www.gapyearassociation.org/>

- ❑ **Trade or Technical School:** Training to gain certification in specialized field

- ❑ **Community College** to earn credits toward an Associates Degree or Certification (RVCC, CCM, etc.)

Conclusion/Next Steps:

- ❑ **Start your self-reflection:** strengths, needs, and general fit
- ❑ **Start your college search:** using the websites, virtual, or in person visits
- ❑ **Think about your standardized testing timeline:** based on where you are in your curriculum
- ❑ **Expect an email in late December:** with your family junior conference appointment time

Expectations:

- ❑ **Student: Driver**
- ❑ **Family: Co-Pilot**
- ❑ **School Counselors: Navigation System**



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Thank You!