

Junior Year - College Bound Calendar

All Year

- * Visit Colleges you are interested in!!!!
- * Take advantage of the colleges that visit during lunch. Talk to them and ask questions.
- * Consider JJC Dual Enrollment courses in the evening or over the summer.
- * Consider public service involvement.
- * Take challenging coursework and keep your grades up.

September - December

- * Set a challenging, rigorous course of study for your last two years of high school. Review your courses for the year and plan for your senior year. Be sure you select the high school courses required for college admissions, NCAA Clearinghouse, and scholarship opportunities. Do not be tempted to slack your senior year. Consider JJC Dual Enrollment courses. Colleges can rescind admissions at any time.
- * Prepare a list of colleges you are considering. Research schools that offer programs in the area or areas that you are considering. Gather information about these schools through their websites, publications, rankings, etc. Develop a list of questions that are important for you to ask, go to college fairs and talk to admissions representatives that visit our school.
- * Take advantage of minor holidays, teacher's institutes, parent teacher conferences, or any other time off school to visit colleges that you are interested in. It is always best to see a school on a day of full attendance rather than a day in which the campus is vacant. On your visits try to meet with a college admissions counselor, take a tour, meet with a professor in your academic area, sit in on a class, talk with coaches, music directors, and others who lead college programs in your areas of interest, look for opportunities to "connect" with college personnel, ask the important questions on your list. A list of Open House dates will be available in the guidance office at the end of September. If you need to set up a College Visit Day you need to complete the correct paperwork BEFORE you are absent. Paperwork for a college visit day is available in the guidance office.
- * Aim for leadership positions in organizations, clubs, and other activities.
- * Begin learning about financial aid. GSW will host a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, October 4th and Thursday, October 6th from 5 - 6 pm in the library. Consider attending with your parents.
- * Beef up your reading list. This will help keep your vocabulary up for the ACT/SAT and it will help prepare you for the college reading loads.
- * Consider taking the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12th.
- * Consider attending JJC College Fair on Wednesday, October 19th from 5:30 - 8 pm.
- * Consider attending Discover JJC on Saturday, November 5th from 9 am - noon.

January - February

- * Begin to narrow your college list and contact the remaining colleges for literature.
- * Set up a file for each college you are considering.
- * Prepare for the ACT/SAT. Watch the announcements for information on ACT prep opportunities.
- * Talk to your parents about your career interests, colleges you are considering, and your family's financial situation and how your college selection may be effected.

March - May

- * Take the ACT or SAT. Online registration is available for both. National test dates are available online, with registration deadlines approximately 4 weeks prior to the test. Juniors will take the SAT at GSW on Wednesday, April 12th.

June - July

- * Continue visiting colleges and taking tours. Continue to refine your list of colleges.
- * Continue to evaluate colleges. Consider talking to a recent graduate or current student. Ask friends about their first year of college.
- * Add money from your summer job to your college savings account. Now may be a time to learn real life skills through budgeting, handling a bank account, and possibly managing a credit card. These skills will come in handy when you are away at college.
- * Compile a resume including extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, awards and honors, etc.