

2019 – 2020 PLANNING TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS

September:

- Register for the PSAT (optional) in the Counseling Office and prepare for it by visiting www.collegeboard.com
- Sign up for college recruiter visits to ERHS through *Naviance**.
- Apply for a social security number if you do not have one.

October:

- Attend the National College Fair in Minneapolis and other college fairs.
- If considering the military, meet with a recruiter during lunch.
- Sign up in the Counseling Office for the ASVAB career assessment (optional).
- Visit colleges during teachers' convention.
- Begin to research scholarships. Many are listed on *Naviance**.
- Get involved! Activities will help you branch out and it looks good on a college application. Consider a sport, club or volunteer opportunity.
- Visit helpful websites: www.collegeconfidential.com and www.cappex.com. More websites available on the ERHS Counseling website.

November:

- Schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss school performance, GPA and post-high plans.
- Review course work to see if it meets college/career/NCAA requirements.
- Research careers that appeal to you. Check *Naviance** and MCIS** to learn about potential careers.
- Arrange job shadowing opportunities with people in career positions that interest you.
- Talk with family and friends to learn more about their college experiences.
- Take the ASVAB if interested.

December:

- Review ACT test dates and register for the test at www.actstudent.org.

January:

- Study for ACT or SAT.
- Review your PSAT results for strengths and weaknesses.
- Learn about financial aid requirements.
- Review high school courses that are still needed to help you reach your career/educational goals. Map out a plan to include these courses for your senior year.
- Attend the Sophomore/Junior Parent morning with your parents on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

February:

- Continue college and career exploration by visiting *Naviance**, MCIS** and the Counseling web page for college planning and exploration sites.
- Review admission criteria and program offerings.
- Register for Advanced Placement exams, if appropriate

March:

- Contact the colleges that interest you to schedule a visit. Visiting during the school year allows you to see the campus in action.

April:

- Attend spring college fairs.
- Gather information about the schools you selected to narrow your choices. Contact the schools for more information and have them send you catalogs and applications or review their web page for information and applications.
- Consider majors, quality of the education, cost, and location. Talk to students who attended the school.
- All juniors will take the ACT with Writing at East Ridge on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

May:

- Consider summer school for enrichment or remediation. Investigate summer job or volunteer opportunities.
- Take Advanced Placement exams. Test dates will be announced in January.
- Apply for a summer job if you have not already done so. Add your earnings to a college savings account!

June:

- Consult your English teacher for appropriate summer reading.
- Schedule visits with schools in which you are interested.
- Continue searching for scholarships.

July/August:

- Schedule visits with schools in which you are interested.
- Your senior year is about to begin. Make the most of your courses, and do not procrastinate. Many things will compete for your time this year!

Visit **SchoolShelf** (link on the Counseling website) for information regarding: academic skills, career development, college planning, and student development.

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