

GWCS COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR: **JUNIOR YEAR**

<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sign-up at GWCS for PSAT/NMSQT 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">OCTOBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Fair/College Night Programs (Fair Oaks Mall/Hayfield SS) 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">NOVEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PSAT results will be sent home with students. 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register and study for SAT and/or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Register for SATs or ACTs online and plan ahead to take it twice. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider registering for an SAT or ACT Prep. Course or purchase a practice book. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule college visitations for January. 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin college search. Make a list of colleges you may want to attend.
<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GWCS College Visit Days -- juniors are excused from school on a Monday & Tuesday to visit colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Look into options for summer: internships, study abroad, college courses, volunteer work and work opportunities. 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sign-up for AP Exams at GWCS <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and make college visits - take advantage of spring break but make sure the college you are visiting isn't also on spring break! <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Solidify summer plans 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites. 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites. <input type="checkbox"/> Think about which teachers you will ask to write your letters of recommendation. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and turn in GWCS Junior Self-Evaluation. 	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin working on college essays, resume and extracurricular activities sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites.

SUMMER: Continue to visit colleges -- walk around campuses and imagine yourself there (you will also have to imagine there are lots of other students there as well in the summer). Browse college websites. Explore career paths. Give thought to college essay topics. Talk to friends who are home from college. Create list of schools you would like to attend.

WEBSITES: <http://www.collegeboard.com> <http://www.ctcl.com> <http://collegeprep101.com> <http://www.princetonreview.com> <http://www.petersons.com>
<http://www.mindworkseducation.com> <http://www.myfootpath.com> <http://www.collegeanswer.com> <http://www.petersons.com>

GWCS COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR: **SENIOR YEAR**

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize list of colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Review applications to determine essay topics. <input type="checkbox"/> Check online for college applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for Fall SAT/ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit requests for letters of recommendation from teachers one month before application deadline. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Senior Self-Evaluation & Parent Perspective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Conference at GWCS. <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your transcript is accurate. <input type="checkbox"/> Review college applications for supplemental forms. <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Essay Writing Retreat at Lake Anna to finalize college essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit GWCS Transcript Request form. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit early decision applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin working on regular admissions applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue with college applications and essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT I/SATII or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule College interviews. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit final list of schools for transcripts and letters of rec. to be sent. <input type="checkbox"/> Request from CollegeBoard: SAT/ACT scores be sent to your colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look for early decision notification. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue with college applications and essays -- ideally complete them this month. <input type="checkbox"/> Research and apply for scholarships. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch Deadlines! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit financial aid (FAFSA) forms as close as possible to January 1 - use online application or paper: www.fafsa.ed.gov
<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Year Transcripts are sent to all colleges where applications were sent. <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Avoid senior slump - FINAL GRADES MATTER!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be aware of scholarship deadlines. 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to college acceptances and submit required fees. Most schools require this by May 1st. <input type="checkbox"/> Inform GWCS of your acceptances and your final decision. 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take AP Exams 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATION! <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0 0 0;">Congratulations!!</p>