

## **“The Junior Journey” Junior Year Calendar**

### **August**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign up for the PSAT if you are planning to go on to a four-year college or apply for scholarships.

### **September/October**

\_\_\_\_\_ Start a file to collect college and career information. Keep anything of interest to you about colleges and universities, technical schools, military opportunities or apprenticeships. Be organized about this now, so you can make informed decisions later.

\_\_\_\_\_ Have a family discussion about your post-high school plans. What kind of post-high school education will you need? How much financial help will you need? What are your parent’s expectations?

\_\_\_\_\_ Explore the College/Career Resource Center (CCRC) inside the Guidance Office. There are many paths after high school. Inside the CCRC you will find information on: 2-year colleges, 4-year colleges, technical colleges, apprenticeships, the military and career information for those not pursuing any post high school education.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sign up to attend college presentations. The sign up list is located in the CCRC. Presentations are advertised in the daily announcements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the ISTEP test if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the PSAT if you are planning to go to a 4-year college.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend the NCAA Clearinghouse meeting sponsored by the Athletic Office if you are planning to play sports in college.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend the St. Joe County College Fair at the Century Center. This is a good place to gather college information. A session on financial aid is held at this event also.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do a scholarship search. There are a few scholarships available for juniors. However, most scholarship forms must be completed during your senior year. Use the Internet to find FREE scholarship search sites. It is NOT necessary to pay for an Internet scholarship search.

### **November/December**

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin a high school resume. Include any awards, honors, offices held, committee membership, community service, athletic activities, religious activities/membership, work experience and travel. You may have had some experiences or events in your life, which have greatly influenced you. Write a sentence or two. Don’t wait until you are a senior to do this!

\_\_\_\_\_ Complete **“The Drive of Your Life/Trip to College”** college/career search at school. Groups of junior students led by a Guidance Counselor will complete this Internet based search at school this month.

\_\_\_\_\_ Review your PSAT results. The Score Report will show you which questions you missed. Read the suggestions for how to improve in the “Improve Your Skills” section.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visit collegeboard.com/psatextra for: an explanation of every answer, additional practice for the SAT, sample SAT questions and essays

\_\_\_\_\_ Go to collegeboard.com/psatextra for free access to “My Road”, an online career, major, and college exploration tool. You’ll need the

code in the upper right corner of your Score Report to access this site.

### **January/February**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Look into the elective options available to seniors as you plan your senior schedule with your counselor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Some classes require an application. Make sure to complete needed applications and turn them in on time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend "Financial Aid Night" with your parents. This is a program sponsored by the Guidance Department and will help you and your parents in planning how to pay for college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Register for the ACT or SAT. You may register online or by using a registration form. Registration forms are located in the Guidance Office. Registration deadlines, test dates and information about both the ACT and the SAT can be found on the PHM website.

*Register for the SAT at [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com) or pick up a registration form in the Guidance Office.*

*Register for the ACT at [ACT.org](http://ACT.org) or pick up a registration form in the Guidance Office.*

*Penn only gives the SAT and only gives the SAT three times during the year: Oct, Dec, March. You may take the SAT or ACT at any high school. The Penn HS SAT Code is 152347.*

### **March/April/May**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Take the ISTEP test if needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Continue to add to your high school resume.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to visit colleges. Call ahead for an appointment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Log on and read the website of each college in which you are interested.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend "Navigating the College Search Night". This is a program sponsored by the PTO. Speakers include a representative from a college admissions office, Penn High School counselors and former Penn High School students who are now attending college.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you are interested in one of the U.S. military academies, begin the pre-application process. Check their websites for this information.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make plans for summer. If you are not working, find other opportunities for personal growth or academic enrichment and add to your resume.

### **Summer**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Finalize your plans. Be prepared to send out college applications in August.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If you are interested in an apprenticeship be prepared to send out the application in September.
- \_\_\_\_\_ This is your final chance to visit colleges, universities, academies and technical schools. Call colleges before you visit to make an appointment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Make a list of persons who you could ask for a letter of recommendation. Not all applications ask for a letter but some do. Be prepared.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Finalize your high school resume. When asking someone to write a letter of recommendation have a resume to give them.