

CALENDAR FOR JUNIOR YEAR

This is the year to start planning your future! NOW is the time to start gathering information about colleges, and compiling a list of schools that you are interested in. Do not wait until senior year to think about where you want to go to college. Use spring break and this summer to visit colleges. Try visiting when college is in session to get a better understanding of the campus atmosphere.

- Entire Year** Join a club or team. Quality, not quantity! It is very important to be involved, to show leadership skills, and to commit to something you are passionate about. Colleges are also looking for volunteer work at school or in the community. Start an activity/academic resume to keep track of everything you have participated in since high school began- use the Naviance resume feature to get you started.
- September** Work hard this year! Colleges expect a strong academic performance. Watch for information on the PSAT. You will register for the PSAT with Mrs. Jakuba (12th Grade Suite).
- October** Take the **PSAT**. Check the list in the Counseling Office for college representatives visiting John Jay. Attend the College and Career Fair on 10/31.
- November** Go to Naviance and do college/career searches. The login site can be located at, <http://connection.naviance.com/johnjay> . Visit college representatives in the College and Career Room.
- December** Return of PSAT scores. Evaluate your scores in light of your plans. Talk to your school counselor and teachers. Consider plans to improve your scores.
- January** Assess your particular interests and abilities. Special Education students taking the SAT or ACT who wish to have their accommodations during testing should see their school counselor for a registration form.
- February** Research colleges that meet your requirements. Then list those academic requirements for admission to the colleges of your choice.
- March** Register for the SAT or ACT and, if needed, the SAT II. Set up a timetable for taking the required tests. Select courses for senior year.
- April** Attend college fairs if desired. Contact your congressman if interested in service academics. Narrow schools to visit.
- May** Continue to visit colleges.
- June** Take SAT/SAT II/ACT test. Turn in Senior Fact sheet to your counselor.

Summer Before Senior Year: Final College Visits. Create your list of 4-7 schools you will be applying to.