**JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER**

* BE SURE YOUR SCHEDULE INCLUDES COURSES THAT STRENGTHEN YOUR ACADEMIC RECORD AND MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.
* FOCUS ON ACADEMICS BEING MINDFUL THAT JUNIOR GRADES ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO COLLEGE ADMISSION COMMITTEES.
* SIGN UP TO TAKE THE ACT OR SAT AND PICK UP YOUR VOUCHER FROM MS. LINDSAY IN GUIDANCE. A LIST OF TEST DATES AND GREGISTRATION DEADLINES ARE AVAILABLE AT actstudent.org or sat.collegeboard.org.
* RECOMMENDED! SIGN UP TO TAKE THE PSAT IN OCTOBER.
* MEET WITH COLLEGE REPS AS THEY VISIT YOUR HIGH SCHOOL AND AT THE KNOX COUNTY-WIDE COLLEGE FAIR ON SEPT. 30, 2014. BE PREPARED WITH GOOD QUESTIONS FOR EACH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE YOU VISIT.
* SPEAK TO RECENT GRADUATES WHO ARE HOME FROM COLLEGE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THEY ARE A GREAT RESOURCE FOR INFORMATION.
* MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AND BEGIN SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT COLLEGE.
* IF YOU ANTICIPATE PLAYING DIVISION I OR II ATHLETICS, REGISTRER WITH THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER AT eligibilitycenter.org

**JANUARY – MARCH**

* CONCENTRATE ON DOING WELL IN YOUR SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES.
* UPDATE YOUR RESUME WITH ADDITIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICE, HONORS AND AWARDS.
* BEGIN SCHEDULING CAMPUS VISITS TO YOUR TOP CHOICE SCHOOLS. YOU ARE ALLOWED ONE ABSENCE FOR AN OFFICIAL COLLEGE VISIT. BRING A LETTER FROM THE COLLEGE TO THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE.
* CONTINUE DEVELOPING A LIST OF SCHOOLS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RESEARCHING. THERE SEVERAL GOOD ONLINE COLLEGE SEARCH ENGINES SUCH AS: bigfuture.collegeboard.org, Petersons.com, princetonreview.com, and collegefortn.org.
* VISIT WITH COLLEGE REPS DURING THE PHS MINI COLLEGE FAIR (TBA).
* MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO PLAN YOUR SENIOR SCHEDULE AND DISCUSS YOUR COLLEGE/CAREER PLANS.
* IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN THE ACT PRIOR TO MARCH, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE IT ON THE SCHEDULED TEST DATE AT POWELL HIGH SCHOOL.
* OPTIONAL – IF YOU ARE ENROLLED IN AP COURSES, REGISTER TO THE AP EXAM IN MAY. IF REQUIRED BY A COLLEGE, SIGN UP TO TAKE THE SAT SUBJECT TESTS.
* CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON A FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH ENGINE SUCH AS fastweb.com.

**APRIL – MAY**

* PLAN SUMMER VISITS TO COLLEGES IN WHICH YOU ARE VERY INTERESTED. \*MAKE A FILE AND GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND CAMPUS LIFE.
* CONTINUE TO RESEACH COLLEGE SO THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO NARROW YOUR LIST DOWN TO A MANAGEABLE NUMBER (3 – 6 SCHOOLS).
* TAKE A LOOK AT SOME COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND CONSIDER ALL OF THE DIFFERENT PIECES OF INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED TO COMPILE.
* MAKE A LIST OF TEACHERS, COUNSELORS, AND OTHER ADULTS WHO YOU MIGHT ASK TO WRITE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.
* BEGIN THINKING ABOUT TOPICS FOR COLLEGE ESSAYS. LOOK AT SOME SAMPLE APPLICATIONS FOR POTENTIAL TOPICS. ONE GOOD RESOURCE IS THE COMMON APPLICATION AT commonapp.org