

## Suggested Planning College Checklist

### Fall and Spring of Junior Year

- Review PSAT Results via Collegeboard** - Students should review their PSAT results diagnostic report by going to <https://studentscores.collegeboard.org/home> and using their access code located on their PSAT report.
- Register for and Take SAT/ACT**- Students can register for the SAT through [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and ACT through [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
  - Students are encouraged to take **at least one by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade** and again, if needed, in the fall of their senior year. *Check college websites to determine if SAT II's (subject tests) are also required. Students who need SAT II's will need at least ONE test date to take those.*
  - **KhanAcademy.org** – it's a free online resources for SATs. Link with your CollegeBoard account to get customized practice.
- Attend Gap Year College Fair in the DMV for the other valuable experiences after high school**
- Finalize Schedule for Senior Year**- All juniors will be called down by their counselor to review senior year schedule and discuss college planning.
- Complete your individual Junior Meeting with your counselor! (Counselors will begin these in November)
- Make sure you can access your Naviance Account**. Review profile and add your email address.

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

### Spring :

- Continue to research Colleges!** Students are encouraged to explore prospective colleges with parents through visiting admissions websites, college visits, college fairs, using Naviance, and talking to current or former college students. Spring Break is a great time for visiting colleges.
  - **Make an appointment with Mr. Calabro**, our College & Career counselor to discuss options for colleges.
- Add 3-5 schools to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" List\***

Preferably in May BRAG SHEETS (Student, Parent & Teacher: <https://yhs.apsva.us/counseling/counseling-forms/>)

- Complete Student Brag Sheet\***- Students are encouraged to submit this form electronically but may also access the document through the Naviance Document Library or the Yorktown Counseling page under "Forms" and email to their counselor. **(DUE JUNE 1st or before)**
- Complete Parent Brag Sheet**- located in the Naviance Document Library or the Yorktown Counseling page under "Forms". Parents should complete the document and email to their counselor. **(DUE JUNE 1st or before)**
- Build/Update Resume\***

Preferably in June

- Try out Naviance tools:** "Do What You Are<sup>®</sup>," "Career Interest Profiler," scattergrams, etc.
- Ask for Teacher Recommendation Letters**- Notify teachers this year if you want them to write you a recommendation letter as it gives them a chance to write one over the summer. Remember to add these teachers to your requested list on Naviance. **Provide teacher with a TEACHER BRAG SHEET**
- Create a Common App account** – ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) use the same email listed in Naviance.
- Match your Common App and Naviance Accounts by signing the FERPA statement - VERY IMPORTANT!**
- Begin College Essay\***
- Complete Scholarship Search\***
- Use the summer months to start your application/essay/resume**

If you have any questions about your college planning checklist, please email or call your Counselor:

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