

# COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ **Review** your credits/graduation plan and make sure you are on track for graduation

\_\_\_\_\_ **Review** high school coursework and activity plans.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Meet with your HS counselor** to track your Distinguished Achievement Graduation requirements (graduating class of 2018 & beyond).

\_\_\_\_\_ Remember, colleges are looking for the following:

- Challenging coursework
- Strong GPA
- Involvement in extracurricular activities
- Community Service

\_\_\_\_\_ If you do not already have one, obtain a **Social Security number**. If you already have one, you need to memorize it. You should make sure that your school's Main Office has it in the system with your information. It is necessary to apply for financial aid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider taking an SAT course to prepare for upcoming SAT's.

\_\_\_\_\_ Put together a list of at least 10 colleges that you are interested in. Plan to apply to at least 3-5 of those schools.

\_\_\_\_\_ Talk to your parents and your high school counselor about where you want to go to school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Study for the **PSAT** (Preliminary SAT) - administered to the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grades at BACS in October. See your counselor for details. Check out additional practice materials at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## OCTOBER

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the **PSAT / NMSQT** (Remember to take your calculator)

## NOVEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_ **Plan on attending a College Fair** that Lutheran South host each year. It is during school, the first 2-3 classes of the morning, BACS provides transportation to and from LSA.

\_\_\_\_\_ Attend any other college fair that you might be interested in.

## JANUARY

\_\_\_\_\_ PSAT score reports should be in – your high school counselor will come to your English class at some point during this time to give this report and your test book back to you and you will be shown how to understand your score.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan to take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests or ACT exams if necessary. **Check with the colleges you're applying to for specific testing requirements. Register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) Pay attention to deadlines.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Visit the websites of the colleges that interest you most. Plan to visit the campus of those colleges that interest you. Look for the summer enrichment programs specifically geared for rising seniors.

**FEBRUARY**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Register and study** for the SAT and/or ACT exams.

**MARCH/APRIL**

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan a college visit during Spring Break.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin investigating outside funding resources of **financial aid**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check credits to make sure you are on schedule for graduation requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan a program of study for your senior year with your counselor. Learn about opportunities to earn college credit. Take as many academic courses as possible.

\_\_\_\_\_ Register for college entrance tests (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin working on your “**Resume**”, listing awards, extracurricular activities, work experiences and other pertinent information.

**MAY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Take **the SAT and or ACT** exam. It is critical to take a college admissions test before your senior year. We recommend you take both the SAT and the ACT tests to determine which style of test is best for you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take the SAT Subject test if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider **scheduling college visits** for summer months, if possible.

**JUNE**

\_\_\_\_\_ Obtain a summer **job** that might be related to your career interests.

\_\_\_\_\_ Look for **volunteer** opportunities.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Save money**, if possible, to help pay for college costs.

\_\_\_\_\_ Schedule college visits if you can coordinate it with travel plans.

\_\_\_\_\_ Keep a record of the advantages and disadvantages of each college.

\_\_\_\_\_ Request catalogs, applications, financial aid information, and specific information about your proposed major area of study. Check catalogs for SAT Subject Tests or ACT requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Create a list of persons who you will ask to write a letter of recommendation for you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check out the web.

