

Junior Year The Year of Anticipation



College Choices-

- Private, UC, Cal State or Community College
- Colleges have different applications and testing requirements you need to find out what they are.
- See www.csumentor.edu for CSU information and www.universityofcalifornia.edu for UC information.

Be Proactive -

- Begin the college search by visiting websites, visiting colleges, talking to college reps and attending college fairs.
- Riverside College & Career Fair on *October 3rd* at the Riverside Convention Center from *5:00pm -8:00 pm*.
- National Christian College Fair on *October 5th* from *6:00pm- 8:00pm here* at Woodcrest Christian's Pavilion.
- College Preparation and Testing (11th grade parent meeting) on *October 24th* at *7:00pm* at WCHS' MPR.
- College Financial Aid Information (parent meeting) on *January 9th* at *7:00pm* at WCHS' MPR.
- Inland Empire National College Fair on *April 24th* at the Ontario Convention Center from *6:00pm- 8:00pm*
- College Search Workshop (class of 2013) on *June 19th, 20th, 21st* from *8:00am-3:00pm* at WCHS computer lab.

College Testing -

- This is the year to take exams. We will offer the PSAT test for you to take on October 12th here at WCHS. This is a practice SAT I test. We encourage you to wait to take the actually SAT I/ACT until the spring of your junior year.
- You will need to take the SAT I and/or ACT plus writing tests as a requirement for college. Some colleges will require SAT II tests you will need to research to find which ones if any (UC schools no longer require them).
- We suggest you take the SAT I and ACT at least once and then whichever one you do better on retake that test in late spring or early fall of your senior year. Colleges will take your best scores so when you take the test multiple times it can open up opportunities for college admittance and scholarships.
- Sign up for the SAT I at www.collegeboard.com and ACT at www.actstudent.org.
- You must have your SAT I/ACT tests taken by December of your senior year for UC and CSU schools. Here is the SAT and ACT testing schedule for this 2011-2012:

<i>November 5th</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline Oct. 7th	<i>October 22nd</i> - take ACT test - Registration deadline Sept. 16th
<i>December 3rd</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline Nov. 8th	<i>December 10th</i> - take ACT test - Registration deadline Nov. 4th
<i>January 28th</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline Dec. 30th	<i>February 11th</i> - take ACT test - Registration deadline Jan. 13th
<i>March 10th</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline Feb. 10th	<i>April 14th</i> - take ACT test - Registration deadline March 9th
<i>May 5th</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline April 6th	<i>June 9th</i> - take ACT test - Registration deadline May 4th
<i>June 2nd</i> - take SAT I - Registration deadline May 8th	

Study Hard-

- This is the most important year for colleges. Your grades matter make sure you are studying and working hard because most college's won't allow 'D' grades unless you retake the classes.

Sell Yourself-

- Begin to put together a portfolio of all your awards, honors, activities, volunteer hours, top five career options, and the top five schools you are interested in.
- Start to write your personal statement or college essay.
- Get involved in a non-teenage activity. Ex: volunteer in a community basketball camp for underprivileged kids.
- If you are interested in applying for Cal State schools you might want to get a job and work at least one hour a week.
- Begin to researching colleges and discuss with your parents college choices
- Register to take the SAT I test and ACT plus writing. Watch for registration deadlines!
- Take a career test to see which majors would interest you. See Miss Bolling for Career Direct information.

Helpful websites:

- www.fastweb.com (scholarships); www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.calgrants.org
- www.californiacolleges.edu and www.collegeboard.com (college search)

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Junior Timeline

September

- Continue studying hard. Check high school courses. Will you meet the college requirements?
- Get involved in on-campus activities; genuine involvement in one is better than a token participation in several
- Start or continue community service. Keep a folder with names, dates and times.

October

- **Attend the Riverside College & Career Fair on October 3rd at the Riverside Convention Center at 5pm**
- **Attend the National Christian College Fair here at WCHS pavilion on October 5th at 6pm.**
- Explore college opportunities by visiting the college reps when they come on campus on October 5th.
- **Take PSAT on October 12th at 8:30 am at WCHS pavilion**
- **Attend College Preparation and Testing (11th grade parent meeting) on October 24th at 7:00pm at WCHS' MPR.**

November

- Begin to narrow your list of colleges down to meet your goals and interests and remember to involve your parents.
- Think about taking a career test to see which majors would interest you. See Miss Bolling for Career Direct information.
- Start applying for scholarships: WCHS scholarship page: <http://hs.woodcrestchristian.org/guidance/financial-aid> and www.fastweb.com

December

- Register for the January 28th SAT I by December 30th (last day to register is January 13th with late fee)
- Check into SAT I study books or tutoring services. Also check out College Board for more information on SAT I study guides and prep tests: www.collegeboard.com

January

- Register for the February 11th ACT by January 13th (last day to register is January 20th with late fee)
- Take SAT I test on January 28th
- **Attend the College Financial Aid Information (parent meeting) on January 9th at 7:00pm at WCHS' MPR.**
- Continue college and career exploration
- Prepare for semester exams; colleges look at junior grades. 'D' grades do not count for UC and CSU schools unless you retake the classes.

February

- **For those interested in college athletics attend the Path to College Athletics on February 6th at 7pm in the MP Room at WCHS**
- Register for the March 10th SAT I by February 10th (last day to register is February 24th with late fee)
- Take the ACT test on February 11th
- Continue college search. Visit some campuses.
- **AP/Honors lunch mandatory meetings for all prospective AP/Honors students for next year. Scheduled for March 12th- 16th. Listen to the bulletin for which AP/Honors classes will be featured each day that week.**

March

- Register for the April 14th ACT by March 9th (last day to register is March 23rd with late fee).
- Take SAT I test on March 10th
- Complete your senior schedule with counselor. Choose wisely. July 1st is the last day to change your schedule.
- Work hard in your present classes
- Deadline to sign-up and pay for AP exams (\$87 each exam) is on March 9th (Registration forms and payments must be paid to Miss Bolling)

April

- **Attend the Inland Empire National College Fair on April 24th at the Ontario Convention Center from 6pm- 8pm.**
- Register for the May 5th SAT I by April 6th (last day to register is April 20th with late fee).
- Take the ACT test on April 14th
- Revise your list of colleges. Email them for information or search their websites. Look at financial aid opportunities

May

- Register for the June 2nd SAT I by May 8th (last day with late fee is May 22nd) or June 9th ACT by May 4th (last day with late fee is May 18th).
- Take SAT I test on May 5th
- Take AP tests (remember you can get college credit)
- Identify teachers you can ask for recommendations letters from for college applications and scholarships.
- Develop a profile of colleges that interest you. Use the internet and college catalogs. Check out different careers and find out what post-secondary education and/or training are needed. See www.californiacolleges.edu for more information.
- Begin preparing for finals. Remember you must get a grade of 'C' or better otherwise UC and CSU schools will not accept your application without you retaking the class.

June

- **Attend the College Search Workshop (class of 2013) on June 19th, 20th, 21st from 8:00am-3:00pm at WCHS computer lab to get ahead on college planning, scholarship applications and visiting some colleges.**
- Plan your family vacation around visiting your top five college choices. Come by the Guidance office for sample questions to ask.
- If applicable, work on a rough draft of your UC Personal Statement.
- Get summer assignments for AP and Honors classes.
- **For NCAA Division I or II college athletes register for the Eligibility Center at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net and send transcripts.**
- **For NAIA college athletics register at www.playnaia.org.**
- Continue applying for scholarships: WCHS scholarship page: <http://hs.woodcrestchristian.org/guidance/financial-aid> and www.fastweb.com
- Enjoy your summer!

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