

September 2009 Junior Newsletter

Junior year is a very exciting year full of important plans in preparation for your future. I have summarized some of the information from the St. Tammany Parish College Counselor's College Planning Handbook to help you prepare. They recommend that in your junior year from September to October you need to:

1. **STUDY!** Grades earned in your junior year are extremely important in the college admission process. Academic clinic is free tutoring available to you at CHS before classes on Tuesday through Friday from 6:55 until 7:24 am and Monday through Thursday from 2:50 until 4:05.
2. **Get involved!** Be an active member of a school organization and serve your community through volunteer work. Bring documentation of your volunteer hours to your counselor.
3. **Review your transcript to be sure you are meeting all graduation requirements, TOPS and other scholarship requirements, college admission requirements, NCAA requirements, and your personal goals.**
4. **Schedule an appointment to meet with the College Counselor** to discuss your college options and possible scholarships. Appointment forms are available in guidance.
5. **Speak with college representatives who visit CHS** and attend **College and Career Night (September 30)** to speak with representatives from colleges across the nation.
6. **Explore college websites** to develop an appropriate and realistic list of colleges to which you may apply.
7. **If you are a prospective college athlete, attend the NCAA Workshop** scheduled to be announced later. It will be held at Jefferson East Building, 227 N. Jefferson Street in Covington.
8. **Register to take the ACT** and/or the SAT at least once in the spring of your junior year. Most colleges in this area require the ACT. Contact the college of your choice to see if they require the optional Writing Test for the ACT. Most colleges in this area do not require this.

ACT test dates for 2009-10 are:

September 12

October 24

December 12

February 6

April 10

June 12

Registration Deadline:

September 18

November 6

January 5

March 5

May 7

Take advantage of the free practice tests offered by the College Counselors. Check the dates at <http://college.stpsb.org>, then register online at PrincetonReview.com

You can also go online at your convenience to www.number2.com for online test prep activities which are totally free. Check it out!

9. **If you are a strong student, take the PSAT on Saturday, October 17.** This is an optional test which costs \$20.00. Scores on the PSAT are used to determine National Merit Scholarship recipients. Sign up for the PSAT in guidance.
10. **Visit some of your college choices** during CHS holidays, preferably when the college is in session, such as Parish Fair Day, Thanksgiving, Mardi Gras, and Spring Break. Call the college before your arrival to set up an appointment.

11. You and your parents should attend the **TOPS Scholarship Information** meeting Wednesday, October 21 at 7 pm at the Jefferson East Building in Covington.
12. **The Junior bulletin board is located outside of room 503.** I will up date the information on a regular basis. Make it a habit to check the bulletin board each week.
13. **I will also post important events** as they come up in your American History and English III classes.

Some time next week, I will be visiting your American History classes to give you some important information for your Junior Year. I will be going over your transcripts, Tops, college requirements, up coming test dates and be available to answer any of your concerns and questions. Be assured of my concern for each of you and my strong commitment to assisting you on your road to success.

I urge each of you to make this year a great success and to keep your goals high and your vision for the future bright as you march each day towards your graduation day in May, 2011!!

Mr. G. Moore, Counselor