COLLEGE COUNSELING:
FOUR GOALS FOR JUNIOR YEAR

1. CONTINUE TO DO YOUR PERSONAL BEST by staying engaged in the classroom and staying active in involvements that you enjoy. Seek out leadership opportunities, if possible.

2. TAKE PRACTICE SAT/ACT EXAMS & UNDERSTAND YOUR RESULTS. All juniors take the PSAT in October. We encourage juniors to also sit for the optional ACT exam in November. Make sure you review the testing results (once the score reports are available) and understand what you need to prepare for the SAT or ACT.

3. MEET REGULARLY WITH YOUR COLLEGE COUNSELOR (beginning second semester). Within these meetings your college counselor will guide you through the college process, help you plan a standardized testing calendar, and advise your senior year course selection. In addition, there will be opportunities to attend group college counseling meetings, college essay writing workshops, and an optional SAT/ACT Prep class.

4. MAKE A PLAN FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS. During the spring, begin to think about and plan how you will spend your time this coming summer. This could include: visiting some college campuses, preparing for any fall standardized testing exams, finding a summer job or participating in community service or enrolling in an academic program. The summer months can be a wonderful opportunity to engage in activities that you do not have time to do over the school year.
College Planning Calendar: Junior Year

All Year
- Do well in school; this is an important year for the college process.
- Visit colleges during school breaks or select weekends.
- Participate and take on leadership roles in extracurricular activities.
- Attend college counseling events hosted by EHS.

September
- Get off to a good start this year.
- Set some goals for yourself both academically and personally.
- Continue your involvement in extracurricular activities; begin taking on more responsibilities when possible.
- Feel free to attend visits to campus by college admissions representatives, if you have a free period.

October
- Take the PSATs. Remember this PSAT is the National Merit Qualifying test.
- Start doing some self-evaluation and begin thinking about why you want to go to college.
- Review your first progress report and comments. This information is important in helping you assess how you are doing.

November
- Continue working hard in school.
- Take the optional practice ACT exam and review your results.

December
- Review your PSAT score report. This information is helpful if you plan to take the SAT.
- Prepare and complete semester exams.
January
- College counseling assignments are made and individual college meetings begin to take place.
- Coordinate your standardized testing calendar and prep plan with your college counselor.
- Optional (on-campus) SAT/ACT prep class begins.

February
- Begin thinking about course selection for next year. Remember to challenge yourself appropriately senior year. Consult with your advisor, teachers, and your college counselor.
- Register for any upcoming SAT/ACT standardized testing.
- Research colleges online, in guidebooks, etc.
- Plan to visit colleges over spring break, if possible. Set your itinerary.
- Review the goals you set in September? Are you accomplishing them?

March
- Investigate summer pre-college programs, jobs, volunteer work, or travel opportunities. We advise students to do some kind of a meaningful activity.

April
- Prepare for AP exams, if applicable.
- Prepare for semester exams.

May
- Take appropriate AP exams.
- College Counselors conduct application essay writing workshops, you will complete a draft.
- Begin to think about which teachers you will ask for college recommendations.
- Finish the year as strong as possible.
- Decide if you will be taking any standardized tests in the fall and when.
- Have a great end to your junior year!
- Prepare and plan your summer college visits.

Summer
- Visit colleges and interview when possible.
- Participate in some meaningful activities that are of interest to you.
- Work on the Common Application, the application goes live August 1st.
- Brainstorm your essay topics and continue writing drafts of your essay.
- Study for fall SATs or ACTs.
- Get ready for your senior year to start!