## **COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS**

August/September	
	<b>Review</b> high school coursework and activity plans. Consider graduating from the highest graduation program - the Distinguished Achievement Program. See your counselor for details.
0	If you do not already have one, obtain a <b>Social Security Number</b> . It is necessary to apply for college and financial aid.
0	Consider taking an <b>SAT</b> or <b>ACT</b> course to prepare for upcoming SAT/ACT tests.
	Attend the Nor-Tex College Fair in September.
	Put together a list of 10 colleges in which you are interested. Plan to apply to at least <b>3-5</b> schools.
	Talk to your <b>parents</b> and high <b>school counselor</b> about where you want to go to college.
0	Study and register for the <b>PSAT</b> (Preliminary SAT).

October/November	
0	Take the <b>PSAT/NMSQT</b> . (Remember to take your calculator)
	Research available scholarships and begin applying now.
	Look into eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans.

January	
	<b>PSAT</b> score report should be in. Use the guide to interpret and understand your score.
	Plan to take the SAT or ACT exams if necessary. Check with the colleges you are applying to for specific testing requirements. See your counselor or visit the testing website <a href="https://burgint5.wixsite.com/website">https://burgint5.wixsite.com/website</a> for more information.
	<b>Visit</b> the web sites and review admission requirements and program information of the 3-5 colleges that interest you the most.
	Begin making <b>college visits</b> . You get two days during your Junior

excused absences.
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February	
	Register and study for the SAT and/or ACT exams.
	Identify and confirm sites for volunteering/community service activities for the summer.

March	
	Plan a college visit during Spring Break.
	Begin investigating outside funding resources for financial aid.

April	
	Begin working on your <b>Resume</b> , listing awards, extracurricular activities, work experience, volunteer work, and any other relevant information.
	Identify teachers to give you recommendations; set up a time to visit with them regarding your recommendation.
	Complete a <b>Brag Sheet</b> to give to anyone writing a recommendation letter for you. These can be found on the counseling website under "10th - 12th Resources" → " <u>Senior Resources</u> " or in the counseling office.
	Consider scheduling <b>college visits</b> during the summer if possible.

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0	Take the SAT and/or ACT exam.
	Take any <b>AP exams</b> you have registered for.

June	
0	Obtain a <b>summer job</b> that might be related to your career interests.
0	Save money, if possible, to help pay for college costs.

Schedule <b>college visits</b> if you can coordinate it with travel plans.	
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