

Staying on Track – Junior Year

September

- Review your four year academic plan. Challenge yourself academically and take classes that will prepare you to be a successful college student.
- Sign up in the Counseling Office to meet with college representatives.
- Stay on top of graduation requirements; make sure you are meeting requirements for the college(s) you are interested in attending.
- All athletes should visit www.ncaa.org.
- Become involved in sports, extracurricular or volunteer activities.
- Save any applications, resumes, letters of recommendation, etc.

October

- Consider taking the PSAT. Sign up with your counselor before October 1 (booklets are available in the Counseling Office.)
- Attend the Macomb Community College Fair
- Study hard! Junior grades are extremely important on your college admission.
- Think about your academic and personal goals.
- Start exploring career and college interests. Research colleges online; many resources can be found on the counseling website at <http://edhscounseling.weebly.com/>

November

- Update your Educational Development Plan with your counselor through Career Cruising. Use this resource to research careers of interest and search for colleges. Use this tool to narrow down your choices.
- Request admission and financial aid information from colleges.
- Intensify your scholarship search; keep track of deadlines and requirements.
- Keep your grades up! Serious effort now will provide you with the most opportunities later!

December

- Academic Letter Award Ceremony (if applicable.)
- Become involved in a volunteer activity.
- Prepare for the ACT/SAT. Visit the counseling office, go online to the counseling website, or talk with your counselor about Test Prep classes.

January

- Discuss college choices and evaluate how realistic your choices are with your family and counselor.
- With your counselor, determine when to take the ACT and/or SAT.
- Attend EDHS's Financial Aid Night on January 20 at 7 – bring your parents!

February

- Plan college visits over school breaks. Typically colleges also offer Saturday visits.
- Discuss with your counselor your schedule for your senior year. Challenge yourself and plan to take classes that will benefit you based on your post-secondary plan.
- Think about teachers you can ask to write you a letter of recommendation.

March

- Keep track of dates, times and location of college fairs.

- MME/ACT Exam (all junior take this in school. It is recommended that you also take it a second time on your own to guarantee the highest possible score.)
 - Register online at www.act.org.
 - Various dates/times will be offered all year long.
 - Registration forms are available in the counseling office. Please see you counselor for a fee waiver if need.
 - **EDHS School Code: 231-290**
- Set up an appointment with your counselor to review your transcript and test scores. Determine how competitive your post-high school choices should be.

April

- Create a list of potential post-secondary options.
- Record your personal and academic information so it can later be easily transferred to college applications.
- Review graduation progress to make sure you are on track. If a Plato class or summer school is needed see your counselor.
- Sign up for the May or June SAT if interested. Visit www.collegeboard.com.

May

- If needed, register to retake the ACT in June (deadline is early May.) This is at the students own cost.
- Narrow down your college choices to three to five schools.
- Apply for a summer job, internship, travel opportunity or volunteer work. All of these things add to a college admission application.
- Confirm your senior year academic schedule.

June

- Finish strong with your final exams!
- Continue to work on college admission essays over the summer.
- Contact or visit websites for colleges/tech schools on your list for applications.

Take the summer to relax and reflect on your junior year!