

2017-2018 Junior Year Timeline

September

- **Sign up** to take the **PSAT by Sept 22** in the Counseling Office – Even if you already took it. Get SAT Practice and enter National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- Write down your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities; begin your college search on www.collegeboard.org, select “College Planning”, then “Big Futures”; talk to friends, family, teachers, and School Counselor about their experiences; develop a list of colleges that interest you.
- Under “College Planning” on www.collegeboard.org, there are many resources such as researching careers, comparing college, and financial aid tips.

October

- Take the **PSAT -Wednesday, Oct. 11**.
- Attend College Fairs and College Open Houses. Plan for or begin visiting several colleges to get a feel of what fits you. College visits/job shadows are an excused absence.
- Begin preparing for the SAT .You can also do “Free Sample SAT Questions” and a “Free Full SAT Practice Test”.
- **Sign up** to take the **ASVAB by Nov. 13** in the Counseling Office. For Career Exploration – match your interests with abilities. For military entrance
- Meet with your School Counselor to discuss dual enrollment courses for the spring semester at Clarion University.

November

- 1st Marking period ends. Talk to your School Counselor about tutoring if you are failing or struggling in classes.
- Attend the field trip to the **Post-Secondary Options Fair November 9** at Clarion University.
- Take the **ASVAB – Friday, Nov. 17**. Results will be back in a week or 2 and interpreted for you.
- Students planning to participate in college level athletics should initially register for eligibility at with NCAA at www.eligibilitycenter.org

December

- Get PSAT scores and results will be interpreted for you.
- Plan a Job Shadow.

January

- Register for **ACT by Jan. 12, Exam – Feb. 10** (Clarion or Brookville).
- 2nd Marking period ends. Talk to your School Counselor about tutoring if you are failing or struggling in classes.
- Plan a Job Shadow.

February

- Look for enriching summer opportunities early like volunteering, camps, and employment. Check the Enrichment tab on the Counseling website. Listen for the announcement for the Rotary Leadership Conference if you are interested in attending.
- Attend the field trip to the **National College Fair -February 9**.
- Register for **SAT I & II** exam by Feb. 9, **Exam – Mar. 10** (Clarion, Brookville, DuBois or Punxsutawney).
- Schedule for your senior year. Challenge yourself with Rigorous or AP courses.

March

- Register for **ACT** by Mar. 9, **Exam – Apr. 14** (Brookville, Oil City, or Franklin).
- Look for enriching summer opportunities early, like volunteering, camps, and employment. Talk to your School Counselor if you are interested in attending PA Free Enterprise week.
- Attend College Fairs and College Open Houses. Plan for or begin visiting several colleges to get a feel of what fits you. College visits/job shadows are an excused absence.
- 3rd marking period ends. Talk to your School Counselor about tutoring or credit intervention if you are failing or struggling in classes.

April

- Register for **SAT I & II** exam by April 6, **Exam – May 5** (Clarion, Brookville, DuBois, Oil City, or Grove City).
- Study for the AP exams. Find free tips and practice questions at <http://www.collegeboard.org>
- Research your potential colleges' AP policies "under Tools" at the above website...click on AP Credit Policy info.
- Meet with your School Counselor to schedule dual enrollment courses for the fall semester at Clarion University.

May

- Register for **SAT I & II exam** by May 3, **Exam – Jun. 2** (Oil City, Franklin, or Grove City).
- Take the **AP Exams** and have your scores sent to colleges you will be applying to.
- Register for **ACT** by May 4, **Exam – Jun. 9** (Clarion).

Summer Before Senior Year

- Take Credit Recovery if needed to complete courses for high school graduation.
- Attend summer enrichment opportunities or gain employment.
- Continue visiting colleges that interest you. Narrow your list to include "safe", "realistic", and "reach" schools. Request applications, financial aid information, and course catalogs.
- Make appointments to speak with admissions counselors at schools you are serious about and note their deadlines.
- See your School Counselor in August, before school starts, to make necessary schedule changes.