

JUNIOR YEAR

OVERVIEW:

- ENJOY HIGH SCHOOL.
- Work hard in class.
- Participate in activities inside and/or outside of school.
- Make friends.
- Balance the “HYPER” about junior year with the reality:
 - You need balance in your lives.
 - You need to become invested in your own learning.
 - Activities matter only if they are meaningful to you.
 - College is about being successful and happy once enrolled, not about getting into the school that sounds the most prestigious!!!
 - There are 4,431 degree-granting colleges in the country; there is one for you.

Practice Scholastic Aptitude Test: PSAT's – October 17, 2009

- Students interested in college admission should take the PSAT.
- Sign up in main guidance office, 9/21 – 10/9, fee \$28.00, no cash accepted.
- PSAT scores begin conversations about college; about SAT's and ACT's, and about the need for SAT preparation or not.
- Counselors will discuss scores with students individually when they arrive, usually in December.

Financial Aid Night, November 4, 7PM in the auditorium.

February 3, 2010: Junior Parent Night, Auditorium, 7PM

- Overview of college process
- Group meetings with your son's/daughter's guidance counselor

Guidance Seminars:

- Begin in March
- Small group meetings with students and Guidance Counselor to explain and begin college process

Individual Meetings with Counselor:

- Throughout the spring
- Consider visiting colleges in the area during the spring to explore your son's/daughter's general preferences: large vs. small; urban vs. suburban vs. rural

Naviance:

- A computer program that enables students to view college acceptances for BHS students.
- With GPA's (grade point averages) and SAT scores, students can explore their own acceptance possibilities at specific schools compared with previous year graduates

Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT's and subject tests)

- Most Juniors take an SAT or ACT by the end of Junior year providing the possibility of a second test administration early in senior year if desired. Time for maturation and SAT preparation may improve scores with the second administration.
- Check with the schools that might interest your son or daughter for SAT/ACT/Subject Test requirements. Many colleges do not require any SAT subject tests.
- Consult with your counselor and teachers regarding courses which correlate with subject tests.