College Search Timeline

Junior Year

September

- Focus on your studies; junior year grades are important to colleges!
- Plan this year's and next year's extracurricular and community service activities
- Attend College Fair
- October
- Read PSAT/NMSQT Bulletin and take the PSAT practice test or visit www.collegeboard.com for your free online practice test
- Meet with college representatives visiting
- Take PSAT/NMSQT in October

November

 College reference books and college literature are available in the guidance office

December

- Discuss PSAT/NMSQT results with your guidance counselor; you will use these materials when you begin to develop a range of colleges
- Read *Taking the SAT*
- Talk with GHS graduates who are home from college

January

- Have Junior meeting with your counselor (during January, February, or March) to discuss your career interests, academic record, extracurricular activities, and possible colleges
- Use the Career Cruising computer program to develop a preliminary list of colleges based on your interests

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- Discuss college interests with your parents
- Consider taking SAT Subject tests in courses you are finishing this year

February

- Plan your senior year courses Begin to research interesting and challenging summer courses, jobs, and programs
- Sign up in Guidance to do a practice College Interview

March

- Begin applying for summer courses, jobs and programs
- Attend the GHS College Information Night with your parents in the spring
- Prepare and practice for the May SAT Reasoning test that all Juniors will take
- Visit college websites; write, call or e-mail for view books and applications
- Begin arranging college visits and interviews for spring break
- Receive AP bulletin from College Board

April

- File applications for service academies and ROTC scholarships
- Begin college visits and interviews during spring break
- Register for June 5 SAT Deadline: April 29

May

- *** Take SAT Reasoning GHS***
- Register for the June ACT -
- Take AP exams
- Begin arranging college visits and interviews for summer
- Talk to your counselor and coach about the NCAA and the requirements
- Look for summer job and volunteer opportunities

<u>June</u>

- Take SAT & SAT Subject Tests
- Take the ACT
- Begin summer college visits and interviews

Summer

- Continue summer college visits and interviews
- Keep extracurricular and community service going
- Write a resume

Test registration - SAT www.collegeboard.com ACT www.actstudent.org