

# JUNIOR YEAR

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## THROUGHOUT JUNIOR YEAR

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- Explore College and Career Options: Begin to identify those that align with your interests
- Kuder.com has a wealth of information about colleges. We will be using this website throughout the year to prepare for senior year.
- Check Counselor Information Google Classroom and email for deadline notices and scholarship information!
- Be a member of Remind 101 – Class of 2021 (See google classroom for sign-up code.)
- Prepare now for Job Shadowing in December! Requirements include that students have a **2.5 GPA** with no disciplinary referrals.

## AUGUST – COLLEGE SEARCH AND PREPARATION

- Prepare for classes and get started on the right track for success! **Focus on grades to improve your GPA and to earn credits for graduation requirements.**
- Check your schedule and ensure that your courses align with the required courses for graduation
  - Refer to the graduation requirements checklist to review courses needed (SEE GOOGLE CLASSROOM.)
  - This step was done with students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade History classes. If you were not present, it is imperative that you review your transcript credits and match with the checklist.
  - Schedule a meeting or email your counselor if you have any questions or concerns
- Begin a “wish list” of colleges or technical programs that you may want to attend. Add these to your account in KUDER.

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## SEPTEMBER – TESTING PREPARATION

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- Sign up and prepare for the PSAT/NMQST.
- Sign up for the ASVAB if you are interested in taking it at school. (Pending specific information from the recruiter about test dates.)
- Take practice tests for the PSAT and look at ACT.org to sign up for ACT testing dates.
- Career Coach, Beverly Foster, Junior Presentation in History Classes

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## OCTOBER – THE “HOW TO” OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Take the PSAT test to qualify for the National Merit scholarships. Test Date: October 30<sup>th</sup>!
- Mark on your PSAT answer sheet that you wish to receive materials from colleges, and schools will send you information if your PSAT score suggests that you might qualify for admission.
- Sign-up for Job Shadowing in November. Mrs. Foster will give you specific information and criteria for being eligible.
- Write a college resume that can be used to help apply for scholarships and opportunities.
- Job Shadowing Applications available on **October 2. Due no later than October 9<sup>th</sup>, first come first serve availability.**

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## NOVEMBER – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

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- Concentrate on doing well in your classes. Remember that your GPA matters for admission and scholarships to colleges!
- Continue to research colleges and narrow your list to those that best fit your needs and goals.
- Make a 5-year plan!
- Medical Field Job Shadowing Meeting – November 13<sup>th</sup>

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## DECEMBER – EXPLORING YOUR INTERESTS

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- Take Be prepared for Job Shadowing Day for Juniors: December 4!
- the interest inventory in Kuder to find out careers that may be suitable for your interests! Schedule to meet with the College and Career Coach (Ms. Beverly Foster) if you want to talk about the results in more depth. The sign-up sheet can be found in the library and outside Mrs. Alms' office. We will also supply a google form in Google classroom.
- Review your PSAT results if you took the test in October. Link your results to Khan Academy. This website creates an individualized learning plan to help you to address any areas that need improvement for test taking.

## JANUARY- NEW YEAR OPPORTUNITIES

- Start out the new semester focused on grades once again! GPA and graduation credits are very important.
- Start looking around on college websites for colleges that you are interested in. **Plan one or two college visits during the spring semester to check out those that are of the most interest to you.** Colleges generally advertise preview days that have activities and tour guides to give you a better look at the school. You are excused for one day of school as a junior and two days as a senior to visit a college if you request through your counselor to attend in advance.
- Attend the AUM – Mock Career Simulation for Juniors during History class on January 23, 2020.
- Watch your email for opportunities to apply to attend Boys' or Girls' State, Job Shadow, etc.

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## FEBRUARY – COLLEGE FAIR AND GRADUATION PREPARATION

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- Attend the college fair at Elberta High School – February 20, 2020
  - Ask good questions!
  - Plenty of suggestions can be found online!
- Review your 4-year plan in KUDER and prepare to select courses for senior year.
  - Review the graduation requirements to be sure you are on track!

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## MARCH – TAKE ACTION

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- Continue to focus on your studies. Doing well in school during second semester junior year can make a big difference.
- Prepare for the ACT test that is given to all Juniors on March 30<sup>th</sup>!
- Rest and relax the night before the ACT test given at school. Be sure to eat a good breakfast and do your best on the test. Colleges are looking at ACT scores for admission and scholarship requirements. Students are able to take the test multiple times and the highest score will be used for determination of admission/scholarships.

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## APRIL – BUILD YOUR RESUME

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- Spring Break is a great time to plan a college visit!
- Begin looking for opportunities to volunteer or camps to attend for the summer break. These are important to add to your resume for colleges and scholarships, as well as to contribute to the community around you!
- Attend Elberta High School Career Fair on April 30<sup>th</sup> – Come prepared to ask good questions!

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## **MAY – THE PRE-APPLICATION PROCESS**

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- Begin brainstorming about possible college essay topics and get some words down on paper.
  - Plan to attend summer programs: camp, sports, travel, volunteer or enrichment programs. Colleges often ask you to write about your summer experiences in an essay or describe them in an interview.
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## **SUMMER BEFORE SENIOR YEAR**

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- Visit college campuses in which you are interested, recognizing that you may need to return to some campuses when they are in session to get a complete view of the schools. Most college websites will have a schedule of tours and information about making an appointment.
- Research the colleges on your list and try to narrow it to fewer than 10 that meet your criteria and interests.
- Request application materials from the colleges on your list. You may do this online or by calling the Office of Admission from the college website.
- If you are not satisfied with your standardized test results, schedule to take the test again. Most colleges require test scores to be submitted by December of your senior year.
- TAKE NOTE of deadlines for applications to colleges and scholarships! Many of them are due by December of senior year!

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