DHS Counseling Department 2019-20
Junior Year Planner

Fall:

- Apply for CSF (August 19-Sept. 24) and Academic Block D (October 1-31) if you would like to earn an academic award.

- Join a club, play a sport, volunteer your time- Engage in activities to build a resume.

- Attend the Cal State University College Fair- September 23 at the San Ramon Marriott from 6-8 pm.

- Attend the NACAC STEM College and Career Fair- October 6 from 1-4 pm- Santa Clara Convention Center.

- Take the PSAT 11/NMQST which will be held at DHS on College Readiness Day- October 16. Remember that even if you took it last year, you need to take it again to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. This score is not used for college admission. Scores will be ready in December.

- Attend the Tri-Valley College and Career Fair- October 21 from 6:30-8:30 pm at DHS!

- Juniors and parents should attend Juniors/Parent Night (Prep for College Part 1) on Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm in the Student Union. Counselors will discuss the importance of the junior year and how to begin the college admission process, including testing.

  - DHS Financial Aid Night on November 14- 6:30 pm in the Student Union.

- Check out the College and Career Center and sign up to see college representatives who are visiting DHS. You can see the calendar on the DHS Website under the Counseling Department page or on Twitter at DUBLINHS_CCC.

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Winter:

- Community College Night on January 22- 6:30 pm in the Student Union.

- After receiving your PSAT/NMSQT scores, log on to your Collegeboard account and create a personalized test-prep plan using Khan Academy to get ready for the SAT in Spring. You can also explore colleges and careers through Big Future.

- Sign up for your Spring SAT and ACT with Writing tests. We recommend testing March-June. You can retest through December of your senior year.

- To improve SAT and ACT scores, you can sign up to take a test-prep class online or at DHS. Attend the Catalyst SAT/ACT Bootcamp at DHS on March 7-8. Register at www.catalystprep.com.

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Spring:

- Apply for CSF (January 7-Feb. 19) and Academic Block D (January 7-31) to earn an academic award.

- Meet with your counselor to schedule your senior year classes. Keep up the rigor!

- Attend Prep for College Night (Part 2) on March 25- 6:30 pm in the Student Union. This workshop will help you make your senior year easier by preparing for college admission now through the summer. We will discuss how to develop college lists, essays, scholarships, letters of recommendation and more.
Look into summer internships, jobs, and community service opportunities. See the Career Center for more information and to get your work permit.

If you would like to take community college classes during the summer, see your counselor. You will receive both high school elective credit and college credit for the classes. Classes must be CSU/UC transferable and cannot be classes that we offer at DHS or for graduation purposes.

If you wish to be a recruited college athlete, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center by the end of the junior year (www.eligibilitycenter.org).

Start visiting colleges during Open House Events such as Cal Day and UC Davis Picnic Day in April, and CSU Open House Events March-April. For private college events, see their individual websites. Attend the WACAC College Fairs at CSUEB and Saint Mary’s College in May.

Use your summer wisely, go to summer school to make up grades of D or F for graduation and/or college admissions. Work on your college lists, essays, resume, and brag sheet for letters of recommendation so you’re prepared for your senior year.

Helpful Websites:

www.californiacolleges.edu - explore all post-secondary schools in California including all 2 and 4 year colleges in the state, also includes financial aid and career assessment tools and information.

www.csumentor.edu - California State University website, explore campuses, on-line application, career and college major exploration sites, financial aid calculator.

http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu - University of California website, explore campuses, on-line application and admission planning tools. Also, for UC Personal Statement assistance use www.ucgateways.org

wiche.edu/wue - Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education-lets residents of Western States enroll in 2 or 4 year colleges outside their own state at a reduced fee

www.commonapp.org - Common Application for over 500 colleges and universities

www.collegedata.com - Calculate chances of getting into specific colleges using grades and test scores

http://fairtest.org/university/optional - list of colleges that do not require the SAT or ACT for admission

www.ncaa.org - NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Center for college athletes

www.collegeexpress.com - lists many factors about colleges such as big Greek life, great at baseball

www.collegeboard.com - official SAT and AP Test website, register for the SAT, sample tests, explore colleges

www.actstudent.org - official ACT website, register for the ACT, sample tests, explore careers and colleges

www.mymajors.com - plug in your high school experiences and personal values into a simple quiz and get matched with five recommended college majors with career information and links

www.fastweb.com - college and scholarship searches, information galore for parents and students!

www.fafsa.ed.gov - complete PIN information and FAFSA financial aid form on-line, also has links to other financial assistance websites