

JUNIOR CALENDAR CLASS OF 2009

Throughout the year:

1. Do your best work. You are continuing to build your class rank.
2. Attend meetings with college admissions officers of schools in which you are interested.
3. If possible, visit college campuses (family trips, special programs, weekend visits with someone you know).
4. If interested in military options, explore the possibilities with a recruiter or other military personnel. (Academies, ROTC, active duty, reserves, etc.)
5. Vocational possibilities should be considered in light of your abilities and interests.
6. **Utilize the Career Library in the guidance office.**
 - A. Vocational exploration. (*Occupational Outlook Handbook, Chronicle Guidance Files, CHOICES, etc.*)
 - B. College selection information. (*Index of Majors, College Handbook, 150 Popular College Majors, Rugg's Recommendations, CHOICES, etc.*)
7. Continue a program of reading and writing to develop verbal skills.
8. Continue to challenge yourself with a full academic load of classes. Four years of demanding college prep courses provide you with the most instruction and practice in all the skills that correlate with academic success in college.

September:

All juniors will take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) on September 18. This is an excellent aptitude test regardless of interest in the military.

All juniors will be taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/MNSQT) on Wednesday, October 17. Use practice test included in the Official Student Guide to prepare for the test.

Attend the College Fair at the University of Maine, September 25.

October/November:

Attend the S.R.V.C. College Fair on Thursday, October 4.

Continue to prepare for and take the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 17.

December:

Review PSAT results in small groups. Use the information from your answer sheet and test booklet to identify and strengthen weak areas.

Review ASVAB results in English classes and do some further career/educational planning.

Get Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) information and registration material from the guidance office if you are planning on taking the test in January. The SAT is given at SAHS in November, January and June. It is given at other Maine high schools in October, December, and April and May.

All juniors will be taking the SAT at Skowhegan Area High School on May 3, 2008.

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January/February:

Register for **SENIOR** classes. **When selecting senior classes, plan wisely!!**

Take advantage of the Career Library in the guidance office. Investigate colleges and careers.

Skills Open House – SRVC – February 13

March:

Get SAT information and registration material from the guidance office if you are planning to take the test this spring. Additional SAT study material is available for students to use in the Career Library.

Register for the College Board's on line SAT course.

Continue using the Career Library for career and college information.

Begin seeking summer employment.

If interested in ROTC programs, begin to pursue the process now! Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss the process.

April:

Study PSAT answer sheet and test booklet as well as SAT practice tests in preparation for the SAT.

Investigate the American College Test (ACT) with your counselor, especially if you did not score well on the PSAT or SAT. This test is somewhat different from the SAT and some students perform better on this test. Many colleges accept the ACT in lieu of the SAT, but check on this before registering for the ACT.

Send for information from colleges. (Request cards are available in the Career Library.)

Registration deadline for June SAT is **May 6**.

May:

Take the SAT on May 3. **This is a required test for all juniors.**

Obtain congressional appointment for military academies.

Complete personal data sheet for your counselor.

Ask teachers to complete recommendation sheets (The recommendations from teachers and the personal data sheet will both be used to assist your counselor in writing your college recommendations. It is essential to complete these before the end of the junior year.)

Attend an evening meeting with your parents to learn more about college admissions and financial aid. This will be very helpful to both you and your parents in preparing for your senior year.

Register for the ACT by May 9 if you are planning on taking this test on June 14.

June:

Take the SAT II if you are an early decision candidate who will be applying to a college requiring SAT II tests. (*College Handbook* can help you determine this.)

Take the ACT if you have made the decision to do so.

Complete applications for Military Service Academies. (Deadline is July 1.)

Summer:

Visit colleges and have an interview if possible. (Call for an appointment.) Take a copy of your permanent record and latest report card.

Write rough drafts of college essays if you know where you are applying. (Refer to college applications for topics.)