

JUNIOR Year Timeline

2020-2021

Visit the [counseling office website](#) for helpful information in addition to what is outlined below. Email or [schedule a visit](#) with Mr. Vander Wal if you have questions or something you'd like to discuss or process. Register to attend at least one [talk and tour career series](#) as you begin to explore careers.

Career Exploration Items are in Green

SEPTEMBER

➤ [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)

- Sign up for optional PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) by Sept. 11
- [College representatives](#) begin to offer presentations during Focus Period - see announcements for weekly list or the CCHS website for a [master list](#).
- [Time to be exploring colleges](#) and setting up visits to colleges (many "visits" will be virtual this year). You will typically set up college visits using college websites. Be sure to complete a college visit form with Mrs. Betten if you need to miss school for a college visit.
- Students considering playing a sport in a NCAA Division I or II school should go to www.eligibilitycenter.org and get registered. Unsure? Click on "Division III and Undecided" to create a free profile. See your counselor for more information.

OCTOBER

➤ [Talk and Tour events](#)

- [SAT registration](#) for the November 7 test date is due October 7.
- SAT test date is October 3.
- ACT test dates are October 10, 17, 24, 25.
- PSAT/NMSQT offered at school October 14.
- Most college fairs typically held this month have been cancelled this year, but watch for other college information opportunities that may come up, including virtual college fairs.
- Meet with college reps during Focus Period (see [schedule on website](#))
- Visit colleges during Teachers' Convention, October 22 and 23.

NOVEMBER

➤ [Talk and Tour events](#)

- Junior Conferences start in November or December. These are individual meetings with Mr. Vander Wal to talk through important details for junior and senior years as well as future planning. Parents/guardians are invited to attend. Meetings are roughly an hour.
- [SAT registration](#) for the December 5 test date is due November 5
- [ACT registration](#) for the December 12 test date is November 6.
- [SAT test](#) date is November 7.
- Continue to visit with college representatives on Thursdays during Focus Period.

DECEMBER

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➤ [SAT test](#) December 5.

➤ Consider registering for [GROUNDHOG SHADOW DAY](#)

➤ [ACT test](#) December 12.

JANUARY - MAY

➤ Practice on [Khan Academy](#) to prepare for March 24 SAT for all Juniors at CCHS

➤ Use [Career Cruising](#) to explore career options that match your gifts

➤ [Talk and Tour events](#)

➤ [Ground Hog Shadow Day for Registered Participants \(see December\)](#)

When making a final college choice you may want to consider:

1. Location
2. Size
3. Do I want a dorm experience?
4. Christian/Private, Public
5. Climate
6. Cost
7. Can I get in?
8. Majors/flexibility to change, “feel” of the department for desired major (make sure to visit!)
9. Student life

[Helpful Tips](#)

[Not Sure where to even start? Let Big Future Help you!](#)

College websites are the best resource for researching all of the above. You can make a decision about affordability after you receive the financial package from the school (don't do it before!).