

JUNIOR Year Timeline

2021-2022

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](#) and/or watch recorded Talk and Tours as you continue to explore careers.

Career Exploration Items are in Green

SEPTEMBER

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

➤ [Professional Pop-up Panel](#)

➤ [Career Chats](#)

➤ Sign up for optional PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) by Sept. 10

➤ College representatives visit CCHS for presentations during Focus Periods or availability at tables during lunch - see announcements for weekly list or the CCHS website for a [master list](#) and [ask good questions](#) when you visit with a rep!

➤ Time to be exploring colleges, setting up [visits to colleges](#), receiving application materials.

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.

➤ **HOLLAND AREA COLLEGE NIGHT:** September 23 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm - more information about the event at [hope.edu/collegenight](#)

➤ Students considering playing a sport at a **NCAA Division I or II** school should go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](#) and get registered. MAKE SURE TO INFORM COUNSELOR. Unsure? Click on "Division III and Undecided" to create a free profile.

OCTOBER

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

➤ [Professional Pop-up Panel](#)

➤ [Career Chats](#)

➤ [SAT registration](#) for the November 6 test date is due October 8.

➤ SAT test date is October 2.

➤ ACT test is October 23.

➤ PSAT/NMSQT offered at school October 13.

➤ Look for virtual and in-person college fair opportunities.

➤ Meet with college reps during Focus Period (see [schedule on website](#))

➤ Visit colleges during PT Conferences on October 15 or Teachers' Convention, October 21 and 22.

NOVEMBER

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

➤ [Professional Pop-up Panel](#)

➤ [Career Chats](#)

- 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 4 test date is due by November 4.
- [ACT registration](#) for the December 11 test date is November 5 (CCHS is a testing site).
- [SAT test](#) date is November 6.
- Continue to visit with college representatives on Mondays/Thursdays during Focus Period.

DECEMBER

- [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)
- [Professional Pop-up Panel](#)
- [Career Chats](#)
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- [SAT test](#) December 4.
- Consider registering for [Groundhog Shadow Day](#) through the KISD.
- [ACT test](#) December 11.

JANUARY - MAY

- Practice on [Khan Academy](#) to prepare for March 24 SAT for all Juniors at CCHS
- Use [Xello](#) to explore career options that match your gifts
- [Talk and Tour Career Series events](#)
- [Professional Pop-up Panel](#)
- [Career Chats](#)
- [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!).