

North Shore High School Counseling Department

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE CLASS OF 2021

October

- **PSAT given on Wednesday October 16 at 8:10am – all 10th/11th grade students are registered**
- Begin to collect info (guidance, Naviance, friends) about colleges that interest you
- Stop by and meet with college reps that visit North Shore. List of visiting colleges is available in the guidance office.
- Utilize Method Test Prep to begin preparing for SAT/ACT:
 - app.methodtestprep.com/NorthShoreHighSchoolNY/signup/tkn13011546
 - referral code – tkn.13011546

November

- Start preparing for mid-year finals/midterms. Remember the importance of junior year!
- Finalize plans to enroll in any SAT/ACT review class for the spring exams
- **November 2, 2019 SAT exam**
- **November 8, 2019** registration deadline for **December 7th SAT** and **December 14th ACT** exams

December

- PSAT scores will be available online. If necessary, make an appointment to meet with your counselor to review your PSAT score report.
- **December 7, 2019 SAT exam** (not at North Shore)
- **December 14, 2019 ACT exam** (not at North Shore)
- Find out about colleges first-hand from your older friends who are home visiting for the holiday break. They can be a valuable resource in your college search.

January

- Go through your college information and start getting organized - begin to narrow down your options - make a list of schools you might consider visiting this spring.
- It is best to visit schools while they are in session and go with questions. Do they have the major you are interested in? Is it a good fit for you?
- **January 10, 2020** registration deadline for **February 8, 2020 ACT**
- **Attend January 13, 2020 Junior College Night – 7pm in NSHS Theatre**
- Go to www.naviance.com to help research realistic college choices.
- Utilize Method Test Prep to prepare for exams. Consider registering for courses if needed.
- Plan your schedule for senior year. Make sure to take a challenging course load that includes Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and a World Language course. Ask your counselor what AP and/or IB courses you are eligible for.

February

- Individual appointments for ALL juniors and their parents will be made with their counselor to discuss post-high school plans.
- Start preparing for the SAT. Sign up for QUESTION OF THE DAY at CollegeBoard.com
- **February 8, 2020 ACT exam** (not at North Shore)
- **February 14, 2020** registration deadline for the **March 14th** SAT exam
- **February 28, 2020** registration deadline for **April 4, 2020 ACT exam**
- Make firm plans to visit colleges in the spring. Be sure to make appointments with admissions counselors, take a tour, introduce yourself, smile, and write thank you notes

March

- **March 14, 2020 SAT exam** (not at North Shore)
- Prepare for any AP and/or IB exams in May
- Begin to search for summer jobs, internships, research or volunteer opportunities—see your counselor for suggestions

April

- **April 3, 2020** registration deadline for the **May 2nd** SAT exam
- **April 4, 2020 ACT exam at North Shore**
- **April 10, 2020** attend Spring College Expo 5:30 – 8:30 at Hofstra University
- Research Naviance for updated information on college statistics and acceptances from the Class of 2019

May

- **May 8, 2020** registration deadline for the **June 6th** SAT exam and **June 13th** ACT exam
- **May 2, 2020 SAT exam at North Shore**
- Confirm with academic teachers regarding college recommendation letters and make formal request in Naviance
- Create a draft of your main college essay
- Make a resume of your activities, accomplishments, and work experience
- Finalize your list of colleges to visit or that you might apply to. Make plans to visit schools over the summer if you haven't yet seen over the summer

June

- **June 6, 2020 SAT exam** (not at North Shore)
- **June 13, 2020 ACT exam** (not at North Shore)
- Create a draft of your main college essay
- Make the best out of the summer leading into your senior year!

Anticipated 2020-21 testing dates:

ACT – 9/12, 10/24, 12/12

SAT – 8/29, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5