

## **JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR 2008-2009**

- Sept. Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences, & personal qualities. List things you may want to study & do in college. Learn the dates for PSAT, SAT and ACT. At Clemens High School, we schedule and pay for you to take the PSAT on October 15, 2008. Later, you and your parents will need to decide on which SAT and/or ACT test date works best for you, then go online and register for that test and date. Usually a test date during the spring semester is recommended for juniors.
- October Learn about colleges. Look at their Web sites. Talk to friends, family, teachers, and recent grads of our school now in college. List the college features that interest you. Check out the resources in the Clemens Library. Attend College Night from 6:00pm—8:00pm on October 30, 2008 in the Clemens Student Dining Center. Bring a list of questions you want to ask representatives about colleges in which you are interested---that is why they come!  
You will take the PSAT on October 15, 2008 here at school. When you receive your scores from the PSAT, you will also be given your test book to help you prepare for the SAT or ACT later this year---have you chosen a test date yet? Have you registered for SAT or ACT?  
If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, register and pay for AP Exams before October 31, 2008. Mr. Pusateri is your contact in P44B.
- Nov. Consult college reference books/websites in the counseling office (college handbooks) or the Clemens Library (websites). Request information from colleges in which you are interested---admission info, housing, college catalogs. Check the *Clemens College Bulletin* on our website for college open houses and information sessions taking place.  
Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data.  
If you are interested in joining the military, sign up in the Counseling Office to take the ASVAB (military job placement test). It will be given on December 3, 2008 here at Clemens, or you can always schedule with a military recruiter to take it at the recruiting office.
- Dec. Begin to look at available information regarding financial aid and scholarships. Check the *College Bulletin* regularly for scholarships. The College Board website has a financial aid calculator at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) which you and your parents may use to estimate how much aid you might receive.  
Take the ASVAB on Dec. 3, 2008 if you are interested in the military and if you signed up to do so.  
If you are taking International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, register and pay for IB Exams before Dec. 17, 2008. Mrs. Hanes is your contact in B225.
- January SAT and/or ACT---be sure to be registered to take one of these entrance

exams on one of the spring test dates. You can link to both SAT and ACT registration websites from the homepage of the Clemens website. To prepare, download practice booklets from [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for the SAT or from [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for the ACT.

Once you have received your PSAT score report, use your access code and go to *My College QuickStart™* on the College Board website at: ([www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)). This program offers a personalized college planning kit which includes: your PSAT score report with projected SAT score ranges, a customized SAT study plan, practice test, a personalized list of colleges—which can be expanded or refined to suit your interests, a personalized list of majors and careers, and access to MyRoad™ –a comprehensive college, majors and career exploration program.

Study and be prepared for your mid-term exams.

Feb.-Mar. Visit some local colleges---large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what works for you.

Register for classes for your senior year. Your counselor will meet with you to discuss courses you need for high school graduation and courses you may need for college entrance. Plan a strong academic senior year.

Take Exit Level TAKS ELA in March.

Have you registered yet to take SAT or ACT? If not, you need to do so now. The deadline for the last test dates for 08/09 are coming up soon!

Develop a list of 10-15 colleges that attract you. Visit websites for general information as well as information about financial aid and academic programs that interest you. Visit some colleges over your spring break—call first in order to arrange a tour.

April Take Exit Level TAKS Math, Science, and Social Studies in April.

If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, contact your counselor before leaving school for the summer. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.

May If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, check with your coach and ask when you should register with NCAA Clearing-house.

Study and be prepared for your final exams.

Summer Find a full-time or part-time job, or participate in a camp or summer college program.

Create a resume—a record of accomplishments, activities, and work Experiences for grades 9-12 (see the simple resume form below).

Visit colleges. Take campus tours. Make appointments to have an interview at colleges you are serious about.

**WELCOME TO YOUR SENIOR YEAR!!!**

## STUDENT RESUME

You should prepare a resume to assist teachers/counselors in writing letters of recommendation. The following is one example of an acceptable format:

NAME OF STUDENT MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP CODE (AREA CODE) PHONE NUMBER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		
EDUCATION	YEAR	List of accomplishments or recognition, GPA/Rank, type of graduation program, awards, extra workshops, summer programs or training programs.
LEADERSHIP	YEAR	Give dates. They should be in chronological order beginning with the most recent and should also be in more than one area.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	YEAR	List activities for each year beginning with the most recent.
WORK EXPERIENCE	YEAR	List jobs during high school, both paid and volunteer.
INTERESTS	YEAR	This is a great opportunity to give some insight to your goals and motivation.
ACTIVITIES	YEAR	List those activities in which you have been involved, in school and outside of school.