



**JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR
2023 - 2024**

WELCOME TO YOUR JUNIOR YEAR!!!

FALL

- Starts with you: Make lists of your abilities, social/cultural preferences & personal qualities when selecting a college.
- List things you may want to study & do in college.
- Learn about colleges. Look at their websites. Request information from colleges in which you are interested---admission info, housing, college catalogs.
- Learn the dates for the SAT and ACT.
- ***Clemens is paying for all 11th graders to take the test on March 6, 2024.. Clemens will register all students for this exam.***
- You and your parents will need to decide on additional SAT and/or ACT test dates that work best for you, then go online and register for that test and date.
- Visit [CollegBoard](#) or [ACT](#) for free personalized plans to help you study for the SAT/ACT.
- Make a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data. If appropriate (for example, if you're interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc.), start to gather material for a portfolio.
- If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, please see Dr. Falcon or our [website](#) for payment due dates. All payments can be made through [www.myschoolbucks](#).
- If you are taking International Baccalaureate (IB) classes, register and pay for IB Exams. Please see Mrs. Rollins for payment due dates.
- Talk to friends, family, teachers, and recent grads of our school now in college.

- When you get your scores for PSAT or SAT, visit [Khan Academy](#) for tailored practice plans based on your scores. 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 [BigFuture](#) –a comprehensive college, majors and career exploration program.
- 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.
- If you are interested in joining the military, sign up with Mrs. Gossett in A200 to take the **ASVAB** (military job placement test). It will be given **November 16th** here at Clemens or you can always schedule with a military recruiter to take it at the recruiting office.
- Attend **College, Career and Military Night** which will be held **November 7, 2023 from 5:30-7:30 PM at Schertz Civic Center**. 100+ Colleges, Universities, Trade Schools, Military Recruiters and Employers will be present at the event.
- Visit with college representatives when they come to our campus. Bring a list of questions you want to ask representatives about colleges in which you are interested. That is why they come—they want to answer your questions and give you information.
- Check the [Clemens Counselors Website](#) for college open houses and information sessions taking place in our area.
- Make a file (or a Google doc) to manage your college search, testing, and application data.

WINTER

- Begin to look at available information regarding financial aid and scholarships.
- Check the [Clemens Counselors Website](#) regularly for scholarships.
- The College Board website has a financial aid calculator at [CollegeBoard](#) which you and your parents may use to estimate how much aid you might receive.
- Study and be prepared for your mid-term exams.
- Retake STAAR EOC if necessary to meet graduation requirements
- 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 download practice booklets from [CollegeBoard](#) for the SAT or from [ACT](#) for the ACT.
- You can link to both SAT and ACT registration websites from the homepage of the [Clemens Counselors Website](#).
- The code for Clemens is 446-365.

SPRING

- Visit some local colleges---large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what type of school might best suit you.
- Plan a strong academic senior year.
- 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 2023-2024 are coming up soon!
- Develop a list of 10-12 colleges that interest you.
- Visit websites for general information as well as information about financial aid and academic programs.
- Visit some local colleges---large, small, public, and private. Get a feel for what type of school might best suit you.
- Juniors have 2 days to go on college visits. Stop in and get a College Visit form from the Counseling Secretary before you go on your visit. Get it signed on your visit and return it to the Attendance Clerk when you return.
- **All juniors will take the SAT on March 6, 2024 at Clemens High School.**
- Retake STAAR EOC if necessary to meet graduation requirements.
- If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, contact your counselor before leaving school for the summer.
- If you will be applying for a ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.
- 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 Eligibility Center.
- 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.
- Create a resume—a record of accomplishments, activities, community service and work experiences for grades 9-12 (see the sample resume form below).
- Visit colleges. Take campus tours. Make appointments to have an interview at colleges you are serious about attending.
- Attend summer school to retake failed courses if necessary.
- Retake EOCs during June testing if necessary.

SAMPLE

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RESUME

Youremail@gmail.com

Phone

City, State

LinkedIn URL, Website

Motivated student (3.6/4.0) who demonstrates strong work ethic and creative ability. Seeking to apply my graphic design skills and artistic drive as a summer intern at your company. Will leverage proven experience as a competent designer to contribute to company goals and needs.

EDUCATION

Santa Monica High School, Santa Monica, CA

Senior

- **GPA:** 3.6 / 4.0
- **Relevant Coursework:** Intro to Graphic Design, AP Art, Yearbook, Computer Applications
- **Honors:** Member of the National Honors Society and National Art Education Association
- **Clubs:** Yearbook Club, Santa Monica Newspaper, Spanish club

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

Yearbook Club

Yearbook Design Team Lead

2015 - Present

- Created a Yearbook logo designed to incorporate school mascot and colors; opted to use coated paper in 2016, which improved photo quality and increased profits by 5%
- Arrange all club photos and pages to correspond to yearbook theme
- Trained and supervised 2 sophomore students in graphic design

Santa Monica Newspaper

Graphic Designer

2015 - Present

- Procured advertising for school paper, saving organization 25% in costs
- Edited and curated photos used for school paper; increasing readership by 15%
- Custom design page layouts to fit articles, photos, and advertisements into strict format
- Contributed to school's online publication by designing page layouts to accommodate mobile screens

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Photoshop and Adobe Creative Suite
- Basic knowledge of HTML
- Basic knowledge of Adobe Dreamweaver
- Great photographer
- Keen eye for aesthetics with good understanding of image gradients
- Intermediate speaking level in Spanish

AWARDS, HONORS, AND HONORARY MENTIONS

- Nominated for Macmillan Prize for Illustration in 2016
- Submitted artwork to Ocean Awareness Student Art Contest 2016
- Came in 2nd place in the Applied Arts 2016 Student Awards for submitting graphic design work under the category of Advertising