

## **JUNIOR TIME LINE**

Junior Year – Begin college selection process

### **September**

1. Sign up for the PSAT which is administered in mid October.
2. Take the practice test in the PSAT/NMSQT Student Bulletin received at the time of registration.
3. Practice at the PSAT/NMSQT Prep Center:  
<http://www.collegeboard.org/student/testing/psat/prep.htm>
4. Get more involved with your extracurricular activities and maintain a record all year.
5. Attend college fairs in your area. Every year Otterbein holds a college fair in September.

### **October**

1. Take the PSAT/NMSQT, which can qualify you to receive a National Merit Scholarship. Be sure you check “yes” for Student Search Service to hear from colleges and scholarships.

### **November**

1. Keep those grades up.

### **December**

1. Use your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report Plus for personalized feedback on your academic skills, and to help you get ready for college and for the SAT, which you should take in the spring.

### **January**

1. Organize a file of college brochures and information. See your School Counselor in the Pupil Services Office if you have any questions. Websites: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
2. Search for scholarships online that match your skills and interests at [www.livebinders.com/play/present?id=363493](http://www.livebinders.com/play/present?id=363493)

### **February**

1. Register for the March SAT or April ACT if you have completed the math courses covered on the SAT/ACT and have done the proper preparation for the exam. If not, plan to take the SAT/ACT in May or June.
2. Plan to visit colleges this spring while they are in session.
3. Start to explore your college options. Think about which college characteristics are important to you.
4. Have an interview with admissions officers when you visit campuses.

5. Don't spend so much time trying to improve standardized test scores that grades and co-curricular involvement suffer. Strive to find balance and maintain it.
6. Athletes contact your guidance counselor regarding registering for the NCAA if you plan to play a sport in college.

### **March**

1. Write, telephone, or use the Internet to request admissions and financial aid information from the colleges on your list. There is no charge and no obligation to obtain general information about admission and financial aid.

### **April**

1. When selecting senior year courses, be sure to continue to challenge yourself academically, but realistically.

### **May**

1. Take the AP, ACT, and SAT exams, if appropriate.

### **June**

1. Talk with teachers about writing letters of recommendation for you.
2. Take the ACT and SAT exams, if appropriate.

### **July & August**

1. Start thinking about college majors related to your interests and career goals.
2. Request applications, brochures, and financial aid information from your colleges.
3. Visit colleges, take tours, and have interviews.
4. Continue to refine your list of schools.
5. Contact athletic coaches, if applicable.
6. Begin preparing for the actual application process.