

## *Junior Program*

### **Grade 11 – First Quarter: August to October**

#### **Focus: Academics, PSAT Preparation, Career Search**

- As you look forward to your college application process, please have a professional screen name for your e-mail.
- Prepare for the PSAT. Everyday spend at least 20 minutes preparing for the PSAT in October. Your getting a strong score now will especially help you when you take your first SAT **in the Spring**. Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) and [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). (Use CollegeBoard SAT Question of the Day, and in [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) the SAT Word of the Day.)
- Prepare for your PSAT Writing by practicing writing as frequently as you can.
- Encourage your parents to meet your Counselor and College Counselor on “Back to School Night.”
- Apply yourself well in all your classes. Challenge yourself to read extensively, beyond what is merely assigned.
- Take the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey (CISS) administered by CORA in September. This test will give you invaluable information to help you plan for your career.
- Continue your participation in activities. Be open to assuming leadership in these activities.
- Update your Career/College Planning folder at home. Update your Planning for Life portfolio, especially your career goals and plans as well as documenting the skills you have acquired.
- Continue to access your account in CollegeBoard for career and college searches.
- Create an account in [www.educationplanner.org](http://www.educationplanner.org) and use this site for career and college searches. Complete tasks given on “Searches” worksheet. Keep deadlines.
- Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) (My Road) for career exploration. Learn about your intended career.
- Keep your scheduled appointment to see Mr. Jim Frederick, our Career Counselor, for insights on your career path.
- Take the PSAT. Be sure to get a good night’s sleep the night before the test.
- Attend a College Fair.

### **Grade 11 – Second Quarter: October to January**

#### **Focus: Academics, Career Search/College Search, SAT prep**

- Continue to bring your best efforts to each of your classes. Read extensively, beyond what is merely assigned.
- Remind your parents to attend the “**Grade 11/Grade 12 Financial Aid Night**” in November for information about financial aid for college.

- Participate in the CISS interpretation given by the CORA Counselor during the Counseling Cycle.
- Continue to spend at least 20 minutes everyday preparing for the SAT/ACT. Focus on areas that have been your weaknesses on your PSAT last year.
- When you have a class meeting and receive your PSAT results, be sure to take advantage of [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) to improve your test scores for the SATs you will take in the Spring. Use the CollegeBoard SAT Question of the Day, and in number2.com the SAT Word of the Day.
- Continue Career Exploration activities on your own. Use the resources of [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) for career and college information.
- Complete the PSAT/Quickstart worksheet due back to your counselor before January 31. (Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)) .
- Do College Searches on CollegeBoard and EducationPlanner.
- When you get back your results from the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey (CISS) in November, sign up for the Career Interest Groups that the CORA Counselor will hold during third quarter.
- Keep your scheduled appointment to see Mr. Jim Frederick, our Career Counselor, for insights on your career path and/or colleges.
- Prepare for course selection for your senior year.
- Attend a College Fair.

### **Grade 11 – Third Quarter: January to March**

#### **Focus: College Planning/College Searches**

- Prepare well for your mid-term exams. (Don't allow your report grade to fall because of weak exam results.)
- Renew your academic goals for the second semester. Remember that when you begin applying to college, the grades sent out on your transcript will be for six semesters (up to the end of junior year).
- Be attentive for the **“Making Your College Search Count”** presentation in January, as you open your College Planning process.
- Complete the PSAT/Quickstart worksheet due back to your counselor before January 31. (Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart)) .
- Use [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.educationplanner.com](http://www.educationplanner.com) for college searches. Narrow down your college choices.
- Attend the Snow Ball dance.
- Remind your parents to attend the **“Junior Parent College Planning”** presentation in February.
- Attend the two College Planning Group Sessions given by Counselors during lunches in the weeks before mid-winter break.
- Complete the Jr./Sr. Self-Assessment, part 1, due back to your Counselor immediately after mid-winter break. Include your College Search.
- Carefully choose your courses for senior year. Challenge yourself as you continue to prepare for college.

- Visit a college on the PLAN/Explore testing day.
- Remember to spend 20 minutes a day preparing for SAT/ACT. Focus on areas that have been your weakness on the PSAT. Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) and [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com). (Use the CollegeBoard SAT Question of the Day, and the number2.com SAT Word of the Day.
- Register for May or June SAT.
- Register for April or June ACT.
- Review the packets you received at your College Planning sessions. Utilize the websites given for information regarding colleges, careers, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Continue Career Exploration activities on your own. Use [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or XAP.com.
- Participate in the WOAR presentation by the CORA Counselor during the Counseling Cycle.
- Attend your Junior Retreat in March. Ask for God's guidance for your college/life decisions.

#### **Grade 11 – Fourth Quarter: March to June**

##### **Focus: Academics, College List/Visit, SAT and/or ACT**

- Work hard to keep up your grades.
- Spend 20 minutes a day everyday preparing for the SAT. Use [www.collegeboard.com/quickstart](http://www.collegeboard.com/quickstart) and focus on areas of weakness from your PSAT this year.
- SAT – May or June
- ACT – April or June
- Meet with your college planning counselor to get help and information regarding colleges and your choice of a major.
- Fill out and give the “Student Information for Teacher Recommendation” form to the two teachers that you want to write letters of recommendation for you.
- Participate in the Counseling Cycle hosted by Counselors.
- Remind your parents to attend the Making It Count – **“Ultimate Money Skills College Funding”** presentation in April.
- Plan to visit colleges and prepare your resume of activities over the summer.
- Have a safe and happy summer vacation.