

# Junior Checklist

## August

- Create a **professional** email. No funny emails! Pro tip: Create an email account just for colleges.
- Continue to access the California Colleges website [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu). This **FREE** website can be used to meet your college, career, and financial aid planning goals.
- Please sign up for **Free & Reduced** lunch, to see if you qualify and to apply go to: [t.ly/BYpoi](http://t.ly/BYpoi)
  - Some of the benefits include College application fee waivers, SAT & ACT fee waivers and AP Exam reduced fee waivers.

## October

- Begin researching possible colleges you are considering. Here's a good place to start: <https://www.santiagocounseling.com/the-college-search-process.html>
- Consider taking an SAT/ACT Prep course to help prepare for an upcoming test. Utilize the free website [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org).
- Attend college presentations through the College and Career center. Please contact Mrs. Pelton ([jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us)) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://secure.smore.com/n/gqphw>.

## December

- Start planning to take the SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)) and/or ACT ([www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)) exams. Plan to take the SAT subject test, if necessary. Check with intended schools to find out if the tests are optional or required.
- Attend virtual college presentations through the career center. See Mrs. Pelton ([jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us)) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://secure.smore.com/n/gqphw>.

## January

- Go online to research three to five colleges that interest you the most ([www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu))
- Consider visiting prospective schools. Be sure to meet with an admissions counselor and a Financial Aid Officer. The UC's have virtual tours located on this webpage: <https://www.santiagocounseling.com/uc-information.html>

## February

- Visit the scholarship section of our website: <https://www.santiagocounseling.com/scholarship-information.html>.
- Visit Santiago's Career Center and learn about the different scholarships available. Please see Mrs. Pelton ([jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jyl.pelton@cnusd.k12.ca.us)) or click on this Smore for more information: <https://secure.smore.com/n/gqphw>.
- Register and study for the SAT or ACT exams, if applicable.
- See your counselor during academic advisement. If necessary, sign up for summer school to make up any A-G courses that are needed.

## March

- Register and study for the SAT and/or ACT exams, if applicable. The Subject test may be required please check your intended school.

## April

- Contact the university school website and begin scheduling visits to each of the universities that you are seriously considering. ([www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu))
- Prepare and register for AP exams next month in the Shark Shop.

## May

- Take the SAT and/or ACT exams.
- Take the AP exams.
- Begin preparing essays for college admission and scholarships applications.
- Create a resume, including your accomplishments, activities and so on.
- Look for an internship or a summer job that might be related to your career interest.

## June

- Register with NCAA if you considering playing college sports. [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Take the SAT and/or ACT exams, if you did not take them last month if applicable.
- If possible, save money from your summer job to pay for upcoming college expenses, such as application fees. Application fees average \$70-90.
- Work on your UC's Personal insight questions. <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/freshman/index.html>