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. 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 visit https://www.cnusdnutrition.com/. To apply go to: https://family.titank12.com/application/new?lang=English 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.
- Attend virtual college presentations through the College and Career center. Please contact Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: https://www.smore.com/q7dxh.

December

- Start planning to take the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (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. Please see Mrs. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information:https://www.smore.com/q7dxh.

January

- Go online to research three to five colleges that interest you the most (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. Wendt (Lisa.Wendt@cnusd.k12.ca.us) or click on this Smore for more information: https://www.smore.com/q7dxh.
- 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)
- 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
- 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