**August**

**Junior Checklist 2017-2018**

* Create a **professional** email. No funny email addresses!
* Continue to access the California Colleges website <www.californiacolleges.edu>. This FREE website can be used to meet our college, career and financial aid planning goals.
* Sign up for the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Batter)-**FREE Career Exploration** at the Santiago Career Center or Counseling center.
* Please sign up for **Free & Reduced** lunch, to see if you qualify visit <www.cnusdnutrition.com>. Some of the benefits include College application fee waivers, SAT & ACT fee waivers and AP Exam reduced fee waivers.

**October**

* Take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test).
* Begin researching possible colleges you are considering.
* Attend Financial Aid Night at Santiago High School on Oct. 11th, 2017, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Santiago Gym.
* Juniors will take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) **Free Career Exploration,** The test will be on October 11, 2017 on College Kick Off day!
* Consider taking an SAT/ACT Prep course to help prepare for an upcoming test. Utilize the free test preparation website at Kahn Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>
* Attend college presentations through the College and Career center. Please see Mrs. Nunez in the Career Center in the library.

**December**

* Look for your PSAT/NMSQT score report.
* Start planning to take the SAT (<https://www.collegeboard.org/>) and or ACT (<http://www.act.org>) exams. Plan to take the SAT subject test, if necessary.
* Attend college presentations through the career center. Please see Mrs. Nunez in the Career Center in the library.

**January**

* Go online and research three to five colleges that interest you the most.
* Consider visiting prospective schools. Be sure to meet with an admissions counselor and a Financial Aid Officer.

**February**

* Visit the largest and most popular free scholarships website <www.fastweb.com>
* Visit Santiago’s Career Center and learn about the different scholarships available.
* Register and study for the SAT or ACT exams
* Sign up for a Princeton Review Practice College Admission Test. “Practice makes perfect.”
* See your counselor during academic advisement. If necessary, sign up for summer school to make up an A-G courses that are needed.

**March**

* Register and study for the SAT and/or ACT exams. The Subject test may be required. Please check your intended school for details.

**April**

* Contact the university school website and begin scheduling visits to each of the universities that you are seriously considering
* 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 scholarship applications.
* Create a resume, including your accomplishments, activities and so on.
* Look for an internship or summer job that might be related to your career interest

**June**

* Register with NCAA if you are considering playing college sports <www.eligibilitycenter.org>
* Take the SAT and/or ACT exams, if you did not take them last month.
* If possible, save money from your summer job to pay for upcoming college expenses, such as application fees. Application fees average from $80-$90.
* Work on your UC’s personal insight questions. <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/index.html>