

# Junior Year Timeline

Preparing for life after high school.  
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# ***Most Important Task!***

**Focus on your classes. Grades count!**

- Junior grades are the final grades colleges see when evaluating students.
- Grades impact admissions, scholarships & other opportunities.
- Working hard in school and developing organizational skills helps you prepare you for college, work and life after BHS.



# Fall

- PSAT
- Determine a testing plan
  - **ACT** and/or SAT (w/ writing)
  - Superscoring advantage
  - When?
  - Register now!
    - SAT: [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
    - ACT: [act.org](https://act.org)
- Qualify for Free or Reduced fee lunches? **Test for FREE! Apply to colleges for free!**
- Two-year colleges **do not** require SAT or ACT

**SAT:**

12/7, 3/14, 5/2,  
6/6

**ACT:**

12/14, 2/8, 4/4,  
6/13, 7/18

# 2020-2021 ACT Updates

- Superscoring
- 4 free tests for students who qualify
- Online testing option-scores in 2 days (except Writing)
- Online practice: [act.org/academy](https://act.org/academy)
- Online tutorials about how to navigate online system



# *Fall*

- Research Colleges
  - Post H.S. Options Fair - Tuesday, 10/29 @ BHS
  - National College Fair - 11/2 - Seattle
  - College Visits at BHS- Register via **Naviance** - **scroll down to "What's New"**
  - U of Utah, Gonzaga, U. of San Diego, U. of La Verne, U.C. Merced, Virginia Tech, CSU, WSU, Earlham, UPS, Bellevue College & more.
- Athletes - Register on NCAA eligibility website

# Winter

- Stay involved with extracurricular activities
- Prep for SAT or ACT
- Online resources (free - \$)
  - Khan Academy (SAT)
    - Free! Full practice exams and tips.
    - **Import PSAT code for personalized test prep. PSAT results should guide prep.**
    - Personalized preparation calendar based on your SAT test date.
- BHS Counseling Center
- Local test prep agencies (\$)

# *Winter*

- Organize your 4-year college list
  - Safety, Best Fit, Reach Schools
- Look at 2-year colleges - lots out there!
- Make your college list in Naviance
  - "Schools I'm Interested In"
- Talk to your family about your plan
  - Cost, distance, etc.
- Register for a challenging and manageable senior schedule.



# *Spring*

- Attend BHS College & Post H.S. Options Night (April)
- Take AP Exams (May 4-15) (free w/ waiver)
- Do you need letters of recommendation?
- Seek out summer opportunities
  - Job, internship, learning/life experiences.
- Visit prospective colleges during Spring Break
- Talk to your parents about saving tax filing info for FAFSA & WASFA (financial aid)

# *Summer!*

- Visit colleges.
- Review college application requirements and deadlines on their websites.
- Organize financial aid info (enter FAFSA/ WAFSA info beginning Oct. 1, 2020 ).
- Start working on your college application essays.
- Have fun!



Congratulations!

You are ready for  
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**2020-2021 ACT Dates**

Registration fee:  
• Application fee (including writing sample)  
• Return shipping materials (if mailed)  
• Score report fee  
• Score release fee (if applicable)  
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