

# Calendar of Possible Activities for Junior Year

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## September/October

- Start a database listing awards, activities, leadership, employment, etc.
- Familiarize yourself with the college search process (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>) and/or investigate other options for life after high school (<https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com>)
- Consider interacting virtually with representatives from interesting schools/programs.
- Participate in virtual college/career fairs (if available). (<https://oacac.org/student-registration/>)
- Develop a plan for taking the ACT – October, December, March? (<http://www.act.org/bts>)

## November/December

- Maintain good grades, and prepare for first semester exams.
- Use an online career discovery tool to explore what matches your interests!  
<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>  
<https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/assessyourself.html>
- Start familiarizing yourself with financial aid options (<https://www.fastweb.com>).
- Research colleges/institutions/training programs online.

## January/February/March

- Determine a preliminary list of colleges/institutions/training programs that interest you.
- Develop a system for organizing future-planning materials.
- Register to take college admissions tests during second semester – both ACT ([www.act.org/bts](http://www.act.org/bts)) [one test session FREE during school-day in spring] and SAT ([www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register)).
- Schedule your senior classes.
- If available, attend nearby college fairs (in the past, DHS has taken juniors to NSCC in March).
- Test prep may boost ACT/SAT scores! (<https://academy.act.org/>) (<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>)
- Consider using spring break for college visits.

## April/May

- Your counselor can help process inquiries about graduating or planning your future.
- Look into summer employment/opportunities, and prepare for second semester exams.
- Familiarize yourself with Mr. Singer's online scholarship website (<https://sites.google.com/a/defianceschools.net/singerscholarship/home>).

## Summer

- Organize your academic records, test scores, community service completed, leadership positions, honors/awards, etc.
- **Wise tip:** narrow down, visit, and *apply for* (if allowed) desired colleges in spring or summer of your *junior* year. If they accept your application, you can start applying for institutional scholarships as a senior in the fall – for the best/earliest chance at the most scholarship dollars!
- Complete the NCAA Initial Eligibility form – *if* you hope to play Division I or II collegiate sports ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)).