

Junior Checklist

Fall

- Get serious about your schoolwork; junior year grades are extremely important in the college admissions process, as is the rigor of your coursework.
- Talk with college representatives that visit BLHS, or attend a college fair.
- Take the PSAT to practice for the SAT I Reasoning Test. Excellent scores on this test may qualify you for scholarships offered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
- Create a list of colleges to which you are seriously considering applying – these will be called your target schools. What are your chances of getting in? Make sure you have listed at least one safety school (a safety school is one for which you know you have met the minimum academic criteria to for admission.)
- Review college websites, and look at the data to determine what college admissions officers are looking for in admitted students.
- Review your grade history to make sure you are meeting graduation/diploma requirements.

Spring

- Review your PSAT results with your counselor, and decide whether you'd benefit from an SAT I preparation class.
- Identify the characteristics of college that matter most to you – size, location, cost, academic rigor, social environment, etc. to help you further narrow your list of target schools.
- Check with the colleges to which you will apply to see if they prefer, or require, the ACT, the SAT I or neither. Most colleges will accept either test.
- Go on college visits. One of the best ways to determine if a college or university has the right “feel” is by visiting the campus. Sit in on a class in your intended major, if possible.

- Register to take an ACT or SAT. Two important reminders regarding these tests: 1) Make sure the testing agency sends the scores to Bishop Luers for your official transcript. Do this by including the BLHS CODE (151083) on your exam; and 2) be sure the testing agency sends the scores directly to the schools that interest you.
- Take advanced placement (AP) course examinations, if you are eligible.
- Narrow your college choices to 3-5 schools. Your top picks should be identified by the beginning of your senior year.