College Preparation Tips for Juniors Class of 2022

Tips for Junior Year Tours

Physical college tours/visits are limited at this time. Virtual Tours and/or virtual meetings are available and may be considered toward "tracked demonstrated interest".
Try to "virtually visit" 2-3 colleges per week and register for tours when offered.
Check "What's New" section on Naviance for live virtual rep visits at SAHS.

Testing

Although many U.S. colleges and universities have switched to "test-optional" for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle, it is highly recommended juniors prepare for testing. College Board (SAT) and ACT have resumed testing where permitted. Additional dates and sites have been added. Check both sites often for updated schedule. Continue to prep for tests using free online resources such as Khan Academy, Method Test Prep, Kaplan, and many more. Spend 15 minutes on daily practice and 15 minutes reading!

Transcript

Every single quarter of high school is calculated exactly the same – even from home. Online courses and virtual school grades will be included in your transcript. Continue to do your best!

Suggested Timeline

January – May

Focus on Tours, Testing, and Transcript Verbally request recommendation letters from two teachers

June

Focus on finals and Regents - finish the year strong July

Write college essay - essay prompts will be available soon August

Complete Application – online applications for Class of 2022 are generally available after August 1

September

Return to school ready for application cycle!

Spring of Junior Year

Register for the SAT and ACT Encouraged to take tests before Summer 2021 Select senior year courses carefully Strongest courses recommended Visit colleges and universities Virtual and/or physical Meet with a College Counselor Appointments are available now

Email

Create an appropriate personal email address to be used for all college, testing, application, and scholarship correspondence.

Testing Terms

Test Required Student must submit either SAT or ACT to be considered for admission

Test Optional

Student has option to share scores if reflective of his/her academic ability

Test Flexible

College may accept SAT or ACT or AP or SAT Subject Test

Test Blind

College will not consider ANY test score during application process

Test Updates

College Board

has announced changes to the SAT and other services

1. Discontinuing all SAT Subject Tests

- 2. Discontinuing the SAT Optional Essay
- 3. Creating a digital SAT

Tracking Demonstrated Interest

"Demonstrated Interest" is a term used by colleges to describe actions taken by a student that gauge how much he/she wants to attend that school.

> Every contact is tracked... Campus Visits Virtual Attendance College Fair Visits Guidance Office Virtual Visits Phone Calls Emails/Texts Social media

Application Terms

ED - Early Decision EA - Early Action Single Choice Early Action Regular Decision Rolling Admissions Open Admissions

<u>Naviance</u>

Naviance is a college and career readiness platform that helps students research colleges, career options, and pair academic achievement to post-secondary goals and future success.

Social Media

Google yourself – you will be googled!

Use social media to promote yourself.

Be conscious of your online presence.

Five Steps to <u>College Application Success</u>

- 1. Parent and student must accept transcript.
- 2. Pay the one-time College Center fee.
- 3. Submit Transcript Request Form to the College Center.
- 4. Complete college applications and send to chosen schools.
- 5. Complete financial aid paperwork.

Aspiring NCAA Athletes

Committed is not admitted.

All application steps must be followed.

College Counselor <u>Appointment</u>

 All Juniors are encouraged to schedule a college counseling appointment.

Parents are invited to attend virtually.

O Call the College Center x242.

Get Started! <u>Free Scholarship Search Sites</u>

- RaiseMe
- Scholarships.com
- *Fastweb.com*
- Niche.com
- O Unigo.com
- Cappex.com
- Ø Bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Naviance.com
- Ollege Center/Guidance
- Parental unions/organization/workplace
- Local township/Chamber of Commerce

Financial Aid Notes

Need Aware – college/university will take family ability to pay into consideration when rendering student decision

Need Blind – family financial situation will not be reviewed at any time when rendering a student decision

Transferred into SAHS?

If you have transferred into St. Anthony's, please be sure the Registrar has a copy of your transfer transcript. The SAHS Transcript does **NOT** include grades from any other

school or institution.

Questions & Assistance

College Center x242 – located on third floor

SAHSCollegeCenter@stanthonyshs.org

College Center Webpage – • SAHS Website • Resources • College Center Tab

Additional Resources

Guidance Groups

Juniors will be meeting every cycle with their Guidance Counselor and will review the college process

College Center Site SAT/ACT Information Admissions and Financial Aid Glossaries

Thank you!

Our staff is happy to assist you with all college related questions and concerns.

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