



## Checklist for Juniors

### FALL 2021

1. **Visit the Class of 2023 Schoology page weekly.** (on Schoology, click "Courses" then look for the class page; on the Class of 2023 page, click "Updates" on the left side menu). Important information will be posted here, so stay informed.
2. Explore colleges. Research schools that offer your intended major – try using the College Board Big Future site to research colleges – [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)
3. Take the most rigorous courses in which you can be successful. Doing so will prepare you for college or career options.
4. Attend the **MHS Financial Aid Information Presentation** – (the date/format is TBD) for details on how/when to apply for financial aid. It's important that you/your family plan for college costs and understand financial aid as you begin your college search.
5. Get involved in clubs, activities and other volunteer and service organizations.
6. Take the PSAT in **October 2021** (See Mr. Gage for registration information). It is excellent practice and can help guide your preparation for the SAT.
7. **Register to take the SAT and ACT** in December/January/February and throughout the spring. Fee waivers are available for qualifying students. We recommend students take both tests once to see how you score on each. Use those results to determine which test to take again to improve your scores. Most students take these tests 2-3 times, starting second semester of junior year.
8. Check your Florida Bright Futures status -are you on track to earn the scholarship? Go to [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf) (click on "Bright Futures Scholarship" on the right) to see requirements.

### WINTER/SPRING

1. **Take the SAT and/or ACT.** Prepare for the tests. Check out free, on-line practice from college Board and ACT.
2. Attend the MHS **College Night for Juniors** to learn more about what you can do *now* to prepare for college. The date/format is TBD.
3. Continue to **research prospective colleges**. Learn about their admissions requirements and application deadlines.
4. Consider AP, honors and/or dual enrollment classes when registering for your senior year classes. It's important to **keep up the rigor of your curriculum** in your senior year.
5. Begin creating your college resume – including all your high school achievements (clubs, sports, honors, etc.)
6. **Visit college campuses – in person or virtually.** Take an "official" campus tour to learn more about the school and what they offer. Many colleges are hosting virtual open houses/admission information sessions.

### SUMMER

1. **Visit colleges.** Sign up on their websites for an "official" visit.
2. **Prepare your resume** - all activities, clubs, sports, work, honors, volunteer service, etc. that you've done in high school. This information will be needed as part of the college applications.
3. Begin writing your **college essay**. Check the websites of the colleges you are interested in to see what their essay questions are. The essay allows you to tell the college about yourself. A great essay will present a personal and compelling view of you to the admissions staff.