

GWCS COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR: JUNIOR YEAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sign-up at GWCS for PSAT/NMSQT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Fair/College Night Programs (Fair Oaks Mall/Hayfield SS) <input type="checkbox"/> Students attend college Rep. meetings during the school day at GW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PSAT results will be sent home with students. <input type="checkbox"/> Students attend college Rep. meetings during the school day at GW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register and study for SAT and/or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Register for SATs or ACTs online -- take it twice -- once in the spring as a junior and in the fall as a senior. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider registering for an SAT or ACT Prep. Course or purchase a practice book. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin college search. Make a list of colleges you may want to attend. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule college visitations for February. <input type="checkbox"/> Look into options for summer: internships, study abroad, college courses, volunteer work, work opportunities.
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GWCS junior parents meeting - meet other GWCS parents and learn how to make the college application process as smooth as possible. <input type="checkbox"/> GWCS College Visit Days -- Juniors and Seniors are excused from school on a Monday & Tuesday to visit colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sign-up for AP Exams at GWCS <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule and make college visits - take advantage of spring break but make sure the college you are visiting isn't also on spring break! <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Solidify summer plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites. <input type="checkbox"/> Think about which teachers you will ask to write your letters of recommendation. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and turn in GWCS Junior Self-Evaluation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GWCS rising senior parent meeting - plan to attend! <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if you haven't already. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin working on college essays, resume and extracurricular activities sheet. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit colleges - explore their websites.

SUMMER: Continue to visit colleges -- walk around campuses and imagine yourself there (you will also have to imagine there are lots of other students there as well in the summer). Browse college websites. Explore career paths. Give thought to college essay topics. Talk to friends who are home from college. Create list of schools you would like to attend.

WEBSITES: <http://www.collegeboard.com> <http://www.ctcl.com> <http://collegeprepl01.com> <http://www.princetonreview.com> <http://www.petersons.com>
<http://www.mindworkseducation.com> <http://www.myfootpath.com> <http://www.collegeanswer.com> <http://www.petersons.com>

GWCS COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR: SENIOR YEAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize list of colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Request brochures and applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Check online for college applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for Fall SAT/ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit requests for letters of recommendation from teachers. <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your transcript is accurate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Essay Writing Retreat at Lake Anna to finalize college essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit early decision applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin working on regular admissions applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Students attend college Rep. meetings during the school day at GWCS. <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT or ACT if applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue with college applications and essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT I/SATII or ACT <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule College interviews. <input type="checkbox"/> Students attend college Rep. meetings during the school day at GWCS. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit final list of schools for transcripts and letters of rec. to be mailed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Look for early decision notification. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue with college applications and essays -- ideally complete them this month. <input type="checkbox"/> Research and apply for scholarships. <input type="checkbox"/> Watch Deadlines! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit financial aid (FAFSA) forms as close as possible to January 1 - use online application or paper: www.fafsa.ed.gov
<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Year Transcripts are mailed to all colleges where applications were sent. <p style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">Avoid senior slump - FINAL GRADES MATTER!</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Be aware of scholarship deadlines. 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">APRIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to college acceptances and submit required fees. Most schools require this by May 1st. 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take AP Exams 	<p style="text-align: center; color: green; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GRADUATION! <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; margin: 10px 0;">Congratulations!!</p>

Go To: www.GWCommunitySchool.com and visit the “Seniors & Colleges” pages where there are links to all the schools GWCS students have been accepted to in the past as well as links to all the GWCS college forms and recommended websites and articles.