North Shore High School
Counseling Department

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE
CLASS OF 2021

October
- PSAT given on Wednesday October 16 at 8:10am – all 10th/11th grade students are registered
- Begin to collect info (guidance, Naviance, friends) about colleges that interest you
- Stop by and meet with college reps that visit North Shore. List of visiting colleges is available in the guidance office.
- Utilize Method Test Prep to begin preparing for SAT/ACT:
  o app.methodtestprep.com/NorthShoreHighSchoolNY/signup/tkn13011546
  o referral code – tkn.13011546

November
- Start preparing for mid-year finals/midterms. Remember the importance of junior year!
- Finalize plans to enroll in any SAT/ACT review class for the spring exams
- November 2, 2019 SAT exam
- November 8, 2019 registration deadline for December 7th SAT and December 14th ACT exams

December
- PSAT scores will be available online. If necessary, make an appointment to meet with your counselor to review your PSAT score report.
- December 7, 2019 SAT exam (not at North Shore)
- December 14, 2019 ACT exam (not at North Shore)
- Find out about colleges first-hand from your older friends who are home visiting for the holiday break. They can be a valuable resource in your college search.

January
- Go through your college information and start getting organized - begin to narrow down your options - make a list of schools you might consider visiting this spring.
- It is best to visit schools while they are in session and go with questions. Do they have the major you are interested in? Is it a good fit for you?
- January 10, 2020 registration deadline for February 8, 2020 ACT
- Attend January 13, 2020 Junior College Night – 7pm in NSHS Theatre
- Go to www.naviance.com to help research realistic college choices.
- Utilize Method Test Prep to prepare for exams. Consider registering for courses if needed.
- Plan your schedule for senior year. Make sure to take a challenging course load that includes Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and a World Language course. Ask your counselor what AP and/or IB courses you are eligible for.
February
- Individual appointments for ALL juniors and their parents will be made with their counselor to discuss post-high school plans.
- Start preparing for the SAT. Sign up for QUESTION OF THE DAY at CollegeBoard.com
- **February 8, 2020 ACT exam** (not at North Shore)
- **February 14, 2020** registration deadline for the March 14th SAT exam
- **February 28, 2020** registration deadline for **April 4, 2020 ACT exam**
- Make firm plans to visit colleges in the spring. Be sure to make appointments with admissions counselors, take a tour, introduce yourself, smile, and write thank you notes

March
- **March 14, 2020 SAT exam** (not at North Shore)
- Prepare for any AP and/or IB exams in May
- Begin to search for summer jobs, internships, research or volunteer opportunities—see your counselor for suggestions

April
- **April 3, 2020** registration deadline for the May 2nd SAT exam
- **April 4, 2020 ACT exam at North Shore**
- **April 10, 2020** attend Spring College Expo 5:30 – 8:30 at Hofstra University
- Research Naviance for updated information on college statistics and acceptances from the Class of 2019

May
- **May 8, 2020** registration deadline for the June 6th SAT exam and June 13th ACT exam
- **May 2, 2020 SAT exam at North Shore**
- Confirm with academic teachers regarding college recommendation letters and make formal request in Naviance
- Create a draft of your main college essay
- Make a resume of your activities, accomplishments, and work experience
- Finalize your list of colleges to visit or that you might apply to. Make plans to visit schools over the summer if you haven’t yet seen over the summer

June
- **June 6, 2020 SAT exam** (not at North Shore)
- **June 13, 2020 ACT exam** (not at North Shore)
- Create a draft of your main college essay
- Make the best out of the summer leading into your senior year!

**Anticipated 2020-21 testing dates:**
ACT – 9/12, 10/24, 12/12
SAT – 8/29, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5