

WHAT'S GOING ON IN STUDENT SERVICES

College Planning Guidelines

Senior

- College Representatives will visit JHS and students are encouraged to attend.
- Students will meet individually with their counselor to complete a senior interview, which reviews:
 - transcript and credits
 - Honor's Diploma eligibility
 - college application process
 - future plans
- The Stark County College and Career Fair is held at the Canton Civic Center in early October.
- College Financial Aid Night is held in January.
- Counselors will visit senior classes in May.
- Senior Awards Assembly is in May.
- Graduation is in May.



August-December

- ⇒ Take the ACT at least one more time.
- ⇒ If you plan to play collegiate athletics, register with NCAA Clearinghouse and send transcripts. (www.eligibilitycenter.org/)
- ⇒ Begin applying to colleges by completing on-line applications. Many schools use the Common Application (www.commonapp.org) or individual applications on their website.
- ⇒ Read directions carefully and completely. Some applications will have a section to provide your counselor's email address so that she can be notified that a transcript is needed. Other applications will require a counselor recommendation form to be printed and completed.
- ⇒ Send your ACT/SAT scores to the colleges directly from the testing company.
- ⇒ Request letters of recommendation from staff members if required. There is a Brag Sheet in the Student Services Office that you can fill out and give to a staff member when requesting a letter of recommendation.
- ⇒ Work thoroughly on college essays. Essays should be proofread and revised. Your English teachers and Mrs. Germano in the Writing Center are excellent resources.
- ⇒ Attend college representative presentations at JHS. The schedule is located on the Student Services Website and posted in the Student Services Office.
- ⇒ Continue to visit college campuses to narrow down your search. Interview and stay overnight in a dorm if possible.
- ⇒ Begin your scholarship search. Check the Student Services website and also financial aid links on the college websites.
- ⇒ Counselors conduct individual senior interviews with their students.
- ⇒ Strong grades during the first semester is critical. Many colleges will request a mid-year transcript.
- ⇒ A representative from Herff-Jones will be here in October to accept orders for graduation announcements and caps and gowns.
- ⇒ Important dates from the Senior Class Advisors will be given out in government classes in September.
- ⇒ Be aware of scholarship deadlines for colleges. Check the financial aid links on the college websites for deadlines.

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Valuable Resources

<http://ocis.ode.state.oh.us>
Username: JacksonHS
Password: ohioicis03

www.princetonreview.com

Learning Express Library
(JHS Library webpage)
Username: jackson
Password: bears

www.collegeconfidential.com

www.zinch.com

www.collegeboard.com

Books in the Student Services Office

Ohio Public Universities:
www.OPUAC.org

Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio:
<http://www.aicuo.edu/>

Ohio College Tech Prep:
www.techprepohio.org

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January-April

- ⇒ Attend the "Financial Aid Planning" meeting at JHS in the beginning of January. A financial aid advisor will review the financial aid application process.
- ⇒ After January 1, complete and submit your FAFSA as soon as possible.
- ⇒ Continue to apply for local, state and national scholarships. Jackson will have many local scholarships posted throughout the year; however late winter and early spring are the busiest time.
- ⇒ Notify the college you plan to attend, sign housing contract when available and make a deposit.

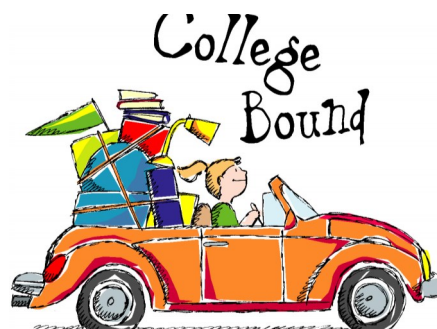
May

- ⇒ By May 1, accept the admission offer of the college that you will be attending. Notify other colleges that you were accepted to, that you are declining their offer.
- ⇒ Counselors will provide seniors with a "Records Release Form" to have final transcripts sent after graduation to the college of your choice.
- ⇒ Seniors will complete an exit survey in English classes.

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"Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of CHOICE. It is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be ACHIEVED."