

LYONS HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CHECKLIST 2016-2017

____ Keep your grades up! Colleges place a huge emphasis on your junior year. They want to see an upward trend and that you are challenging yourself. Plan to take at least 4 academic classes your Jr. year & consider this for your Sr. year. Colleges will want to know your GPA and Class Rank. (Some colleges do not accept grades of D or F as having met that class requirement.) Check admission requirements for college(s) interested in.

____ Register in the fall to practice SAT test taking skills by taking the PSAT/ NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test *for Juniors may result in scholarship opportunities*). Cost is \$17. Registration Deadline: Wed. Oct 7, 2016 (register in the office, it is first come first serve as we have a specific # of test slots for our Lyons HS). PSAT Test is Wed, October 19th @ Lyons.

____ Visit your high school Counseling Office, get information from college websites, attend college fairs/ visit with college admission representatives when they come to Lyons HS. Junior year is ideal !!!
Denver National College Fair: Sunday, 9/25, 1:00-4:00 Denver Mart, Denver
Out of State College Nights: Wed, 9/28, 6:00-8:00 Monarch HS Thur, 9/29, 6:30-8:00 Lakewood HS
Saturday College Fair & Workshops: Sat., 10/1, 10:00-12:00 Mountain Vista HS, Highlands Ranch
St. Vrain Valley District College Fair: Wednesday., 11/2, 6:00-7:30 @ Silver Creek HS, Longmont

____ Begin building a list of possible colleges; think about those values that are important to you (academic program, location, size, cost, activities, athletics, etc.) For a college comparison checklist go to <http://www.act.org/path/parent/college/collegecomparison.html> Explore scholarship and financial aid opportunities.

____ Think about career/major choice, interests and more access this website to clarify post High School plans utilize www.collegeincolorado.org Update your 4-Year Academic Plan (ICAP) you will do this in your Social Studies class near registration in February.

____ Build a resume. Colleges will want to see the activities you've been involved in. If you start now this will make this easier to revise Senior year. Access via Google Docs: Go to you Google Classroom App on your ipad click on + right hand side of screen and enter the following code: **ra8je5b**
Click on the word...Senior Resume...swipe left to your work...click on document

____ Meet with high school counselor to review courses, credit, college info., & senior classes (plan on taking 7 classes each semester of senior year).

____ Take College Entrance Exams. Take SAT &/or ACT test this year. All juniors in the state of CO take the SAT in April 2016, at no cost to the student.

To sign up for other test dates SAT or ACT, go to the websites below for test dates and other info: BE SURE TO FOLLOW TEST REGISTRATION/ TEST ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS EXACTLY:

www.actstudent.org (ACT) Test Center Code: 172430 @ Longmont High School

www.collegeboard.com (SAT) Test Center Code: 06270 @ Longmont High School

Lyons High School Code: **060955**

**Note: Some student choose to take the ACT on their own as a practice test prior to the school SAT test in April, others may treat the School April test as a practice and take it again in June or Oct. if needed.*

____ Begin visiting colleges you may be considering. Students often make their college decision by visiting to determine the best fit for them. Follow your dream!

Great Websites to Help Prepare and Plan for College/Career

***<http://lms.shs.svvsd.org/> Counseling Tab for a variety of resources/ links

Test Prep/ Test Registration/ College/Scholarship/Career Search

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.actstudent.org ACT to register for Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.collegeboard.com PSAT info., AP info, SAT info & to register for SAT...Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.schoolsoup.com

www.number2.com

<http://www.shmoop.com/signup/stvrain-students> Magic word ELUCIDATE (all caps) PSAT, SAT, AP, ACT test prep opportunities free for SVVSD students.

College Search - find the right college to fit you

www.collegeincolorado.org

***www.collegescorecard.ed.gov

www.gotocollegefairs.org Check out additional college fairs 80+ throughout the state of Colorado

www.wiche.edu Western Undergraduate Exchange Program- out of state reduced tuition rates

www.anycollege.com college: search, videos, scholarship

www.cappex.com college: recruit, scholarship, chances of admission

www.mycollegeoptions.org college: search, scholarships, advice, researching majors/careers

www.campustours.com & www.Ecampustours.com virtual tours, interactive campus maps

www.mymajors.com college: major/career quiz, information, planning

www.commonapp.org single point application process for participating colleges

Financial Aid/Scholarship -to help pay for college

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Fed. Student Financial Aid- apply after Oct.1st use this exact address as there are other scam sites out there!

www.collegeincolorado.org A Colorado User's Guide to Financial Aid, College Opportunity Fund

www.collegeabacus.org (see how college costs stack up between your favorite schools)

www.collegeinvest.org (Student loans, savings plans, and scholarships for Colorado students)

www.finaid.org (estimated family contribution, loans, scholarships, savings, military aid)

www.studentaid.ed.gov - (Gov't website for Federal Aid, walks you through the process).

www.SavingForCollege.com (529 savings plans and more)

www.fastweb.com (also job search and military options)

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.gmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholars)

*** www.myscholly.com (Download App cost \$.99-2.99 itunes/googleplay/appstore/computer, enter demogr info, narrows based on personal information alerts you re: scholarships you may qualify for with links to access them)

Student Athletes - NCAA Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org (for student athletes attending a Division 1 or Division 2 college)