

Things to do during your Junior Year

- Take the most challenging schedule you can (strive for A's and B's) and maintain an excellent attendance record. Should you plan to take Advanced Placement or Dual Enrollment courses with Wallace State Community College as a senior?
- Improve your standardized test scores - READ, READ, READ!
- Attend the National College Fair (held at the BJCC in Birmingham, AL on Sunday, September 16, 2007) and the NHS College Fair (held in the CHS lunchroom on Monday, September 24, 2007). Both are **free** and excellent resources for college and financial aid information.
- Develop a plan for your standardized testing (PSAT, ACT, SAT, SAT II) and how you will prepare. Test Prep resources are available through the Guidance Office, Internet, and local bookstores.
- Register in the Guidance Office for the PSAT/NMSQT test (administered on Wednesday, October 17th).
- Register and take the ACT (America's most widely accepted college entrance exam). CHS is a registered test site (test center code is **165540**) and our Cullman High School code (CEEB) is **010-795**.
- Continue to record your activities for your resume. Stay active in your extracurricular activities. A sample resume format is included in the CHS Handbook. Keep a log of the number of hours you complete of community and volunteer service as well as the name of the adult who was your supervisor.
- Search for leadership opportunities and attend a workshop or summer program that focuses on your interests or talents.
- Ask yourself – Am I taking courses that will prepare me for my post high school plans? Am I giving my best to my junior classes?
- Talk with your parents, teachers, and school counselors about your senior year course selections.
- Be aware of your graduation requirements. Check your credits and courses for accuracy.
- Review your list of colleges that you would like to consider. Review the college's admission requirements and academic programs.
- Plan college visits for the spring, summer, and fall (the CHS College Visitation policy is included in the CHS Handbook). *Questions to Ask as You Explore Colleges* and *Helpful Hints for Campus Tours* are also included in the CHS Handbook.
- Contact a professional person that is currently working in your chosen area of career interest. Seek out opportunities to job shadow. See Mrs. Bishop-Hollis for assistance.
- Talk to your counselors about your academic and career goals. Get to know them as well as your teachers.
- If you plan to pursue athletics in college, visit www.naaclearinghouse.net and click on "Prospective Athlete." During the summer after your junior year, register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse.