

JUNIOR YEAR SUMMER AND OTHER REMINDERS

SUMMER

- Prioritize college choices - make some final visits, calls, and research on any schools of interest
- Take the ACT test again if you choose
- Organize deadlines for college applications and scholarships and make sure you know **how** to apply
- Apply for scholarships with fall deadlines - free money is the best money
- Prepare college essays so they are ready for proof reading and submission when applying
- Gather documents and sign up for FAFSA - you and your parents should be doing this together
- Explore job opportunities, especially ones that lead to full time work after high school graduation
- Stay connected with military branch recruiter if you have begun this process already.

REMINDERS, ADVICE, AND RESOURCES

- When looking at colleges, make sure it is a fit for YOU - it should include things that are most important to you whether it is cost, location, size, involvement, majors, or anything else
- Know the [PHS College Application Process](#) - forms need to be completed for counselors to know what is being sent where
- UW Systems application opens on August 1st
- Financial Aid is a key part of post secondary planning - look for important info and dates here: <http://counselingdepartmentphs.weebly.com/financial-aid.html>
- Scholarships are all over the place! You can find some great ones on our [PHS Scholarship page](#). Getting a head start on these in the summer will go a long way to minimizing tasks in the fall
- DEADLINES ARE FINAL! - Be aware of all deadlines for any applications as you organize your tasks.
- Having an up-to-date resume is valuable regardless of the post secondary path you are choosing. Take time to look over this so it is ready to go for any situation.
- Senioritis is a real thing but it is NOT an excuse! - we understand there is a lot of stress as you prepare for life after high school, but meeting goals and expectations set by the school and yourself need to come first.
- Let your counselor help you - again, we understand there is a lot going on, so don't feel like you need to take it on alone. Talking with your counselor is a great way to find resources, prioritize tasks, and answer questions.