

Your Junior Year...Piece By Piece

Prepare for Graduation and Beyond

- Maintain good grades
- GPA and Rank determine college entrance requirements
- Consider Advanced Placement (AP) courses for your junior/senior year
- Investigate Dual Credit courses for your junior/senior year
- Become familiar with requirements for Texas Scholar

FALL

Investigate Post-High School Opportunities

___ Attend Junior Night at PTHS

___ Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do.

- Use Big Future at <http://www.collegeboard.org>

___ Explore your interests.

- Military Recruiters
- College Admissions Officers
- Greater East Texas College Night
- College and Career Centers
- College Preview Days

___ Use college Search at www.collegeboard.com to find colleges with the right characteristics.

___ Do on-line campus tours at www.campustours.com

___ Make a file to manage your search, testing, and application data. If you are interested in drama, music, art, sports, etc. start to gather material for a portfolio.

Prepare for College Exams

___ PSAT/NMSQT

- Study and review 10th grade results

___ Take ASVAB test

___ ACT/SAT

- Study
- Register to take the exam

SPRING

Plan Senior Year

- ___ Review your senior year class schedule with your counselor. Challenge yourself with advanced and/or AP classes and stick with the sequences you've begun. Explore electives that support your interests.
- ___ Plan summer activities early. Enrich yourself and enhance your resume by volunteering, getting an interesting job or internship, or signing up for special summer enrichment programs.
- ___ Register for NCAA Eligibility Center (for athletes)
- ___ Research potential scholarships

Take Exams

- ___ Your PSAT/NMSQT score will be returned in early January. Use it to improve your skills and prepare for the SAT.
Practice at www.collegeboard.org
- ___ Take ACT/SAT
 - Fee waivers are available for students with financial need. Contact your counselor if you think you are eligible.
 - Limited accommodations on admissions tests are available for students with disabilities. For more information, go to www.collegeboard.com/ssd/prof/index.html
 - Determine if the colleges you are interested in will require the SAT Subject Tests. You can take the SAT Reasoning Test -or- up to three SAT Subject Tests on one test date. Plan your testing schedule carefully if you want to take both types of SAT.

www.collegeboard.org
- ___ Prepare for AP exams.
- ___ Prepare for state testing

SUMMER

- ___ Complete community service and leadership
- ___ Attend college based enrichment programs
- ___ Consider job or internship
- ___ Continue to edit and revise essays for college applications/scholarships
- ___ Update resume
- ___ Student Athletes register with the NCAA Clearinghouse
- ___ Visit colleges, take campus tours, and schedule interviews with admissions counselors. Take notes.
- ___ Consult the college websites for applications and deadlines. Check important dates; some universities have early dates or rolling admissions.
- ___ Anticipate college application process beginning July 1st

WWW.PTISD.ORG

Contains links to important sites that will assist you with college information

