



COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

JUNIOR CLASSROOM VISITS & PARENT NIGHT 2016-2017

INTRODUCTION OF COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING SERVICES AT KWHS

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- **Communications** in preparation for Senior Year – [KWHS College & Career Planning webpage](#), CAP Office/Bulletin Board, and KWHS announcements and newsletter

Coming in January! Remind / Class of 2018 – College & Career Planning

- **Appointments**
 - Walk-ins before school, after school and during lunch (no appointment needed)
 - *Quick questions and immediate assistance should be taken care of during walk-in hours*
 - Appointments by request - submit the request form in Guidance
 - *Passes sent to students in elective or free periods or as necessary according to availability and priority*

TODAY'S AGENDA

Part 1- 1st/Fall Semester Junior Year (WHAT TO FOCUS ON NOW)

1. Explore College/Career/Military Opportunities
 - *What Juniors Should Be Doing Now List and College & Career Planning Webpage*
2. Preparing for Senior Year College & Career Planning
 - *Academic Excellence, PSAT Administration and ACT and SAT Preparation, Athletics and Activities, Community Service, Bright Futures Scholarships Eligibility*
3. Upcoming Events

Part 2- 2nd/Spring Semester Junior Year (WHAT TO FOCUS ON NEXT SEMESTER)

1. Explore College/Career/Military Opportunities Continued
 - *What Juniors Should Be Doing Now List and College & Career Planning Webpage*
2. Preparing for Senior Year College & Career Planning Continued
 - *Academic Excellence, Athletics and Activities, Community Service, and Bright Futures Scholarships Eligibility*
 - *SAT and ACT Preparation and Administrations*
 - *Jump Start for Senior Year*

ORGANIZATION + PLANNING JR/SR YEAR = SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Preparation and organizational tips

- Create a notebook to make checklists and to manage logins, deadlines and details.

The Planning for College booklet with the handouts distributed to you today is perfect for this purpose!

- Keep all of the information distributed in classroom visits and meetings
- Continue to add to the notebook over junior and senior year
- Bring this notebook with you when you meet with Mrs. Townsend

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR

Important Resources

- [KWHS College & Career Planning Webpage](#)
Regularly monitor this resource for information pertinent to juniors as well as anticipate senior year
- **College and Career Exploration, including Military and Employment Opportunities**
 - **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** – Not just for the military-bound, but a recommended step in the college & career planning process.
 - Register with College Advisor for free test at KWHS; *see sign up sheet – SIGN UP TODAY!*
 - Test is scheduled for Thursday October 8 at 8 AM in KWHS Auditorium
 - **KWHS Career Center in Guidance / MyCareerShines** - *see sign up sheet – SIGN UP TODAY!*
Other sources on the College & Career Planning webpage
 - Military Admissions Process – *Interested in the military? List your name on the sheet circulating today.*

CONTENTS OF YOUR COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING NOTEBOOK

1. Important Dates & Deadlines Fall 2016 – Junior Year (**Blue**)
2. Things Juniors Should be Doing NOW...(**Orange**)
3. MyCareerShines / KWHS Career Center (**Orange** or Black/White)
4. Prepare for SAT (**Blue**)
5. 2016-2017 College Entrance Exam Schedule (**Pink** or Black/White)
6. Bright Futures Eligibility Chart (**Yellow** or Black/White)
7. 2016 SUS Admissions Tour Matrix (**Green**)
8. Planning for College Notebook (**Beige with Purple**)

Other resources and handouts are available on the College & Career Webpage in your class folder for your information and to keep in your notebook, including but not limited to:

Florida Private and Out of State Schools; *see handout/online*

Florida College System; *see handout/online*

Florida Career & Technical Schools; *see handout/online*

And much more posted on the College & Career Webpage!

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Preparing for Senior Year College & Career Planning

- **College & Career Research and College Visits**
 - SUS Matrix (in your notebook), Florida Private Colleges and Universities, Florida Public College System, Florida Vocational Schools and **other resources posted on the College & Career Planning webpage**
 - College Visits – 4 excused, school-related absences (total)
 - Forms in the CAP Office and online; *see handout/online*
 - Must be approved by College Advisor, all teachers and submitted to Attendance before departure.
 - Bring back a letter from the admission staff of the school you visit for evidence of your trip and submit to the College Advisor

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Preparing for the College Admissions Process Senior Year

Academic Rigor

- Colleges and universities want to see you challenge yourself appropriately
- Consider what you will study when developing your course schedule next year
- Consider AP, DE, Honors and/or Vocational Courses where appropriate

Advanced Placement Exams

- Take advantage of enrichment and test preparation services available to successful in AP courses year-long as well as on the exams in May, **especially as the District is instating NMSI opportunities and strategies this year!**

College Entrance Exams

- **Prepare for your final administration of the PSAT in October**
- Use the score report you receive online through your College Board account to prepare for the SAT
- **KWHS Guidance recommends** that Juniors begin to take the SAT and ACT in the 2nd Semester of the Junior Year (January SAT and later, according to your level of preparedness)
- **KWHS Guidance recommends that Juniors take 2 administrations of the SAT and 2 administrations of the ACT between by June**, reserving more opportunities early in the Senior year, if necessary, to earn scores to meet goals such as college admissions, military admissions, Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, and graduation eligibility

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Preparing for the College Admissions Process Senior Year

In a nutshell, colleges are looking for

- Course schedule that connects to what you'll study in college/pursue as a career – PERFORMANCE AND RIGOR ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT!
- Competitive GPA – GRADES, GRADES, GRADES!
 - *This includes a college GPA you may have already begun through DE courses*
- Competitive Test Scores (ACT, SAT, AP, PERT)
 - All colleges and universities, as well as the military, take the ACT and SAT
 - Consult the 2016-2017 ACT/SAT/SAT II schedule to plan your test administrations and to register in advance for college admissions, Bright Futures eligibility, and graduation requirements
 - Some schools will require SAT IIs – check requirements
 - Students who will pursue 4-year schools must take the ACT with Writing
 - The ASVAB is also required for military acceptance
- Academic, athletic and activities achievements
- Demonstrated leadership and regular participation through activities on and off-campus
- **Overall well-roundedness and what makes you stand out as an individual**

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Florida Bright Futures Scholarships Eligibility - Start working on requirements NOW!

Florida Academic Scholars	Florida Medallion Scholars	Florida Vocational Scholars
3.5 GPA (weighted)	3.0 GPA (weighted)	3.0 (weighted) in core credits and a 3.5 GPA vocational courses
1290 SAT (R+M only) 29 ACT	1170 SAT (R+M only) 26 ACT	440 on both SAT R+M 17 E, 18 R, and 19 M ACT
100 CS Hours (min.)	75 CS Hours (min.)	30 CS Hours (min.)
Grad Requirements and BFs-approved courses	Grad Requirements and BFs-approved courses	Grad Requirements and BFs-approved courses

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Community Service

- Forms online or in Guidance; *see handout/online*
- Submit completed forms to Mrs. Townsend - updated in system each month and on report cards
- Needed for many scholarships, including Bright Futures
- Must be a social issue; could connect to the field you would like to pursue after high school
- Great opportunities for career exploration and topics to discuss in college applications, college essays, to put on resumes, discuss in interviews, etc.

Those seeking eligibility for Bright Futures Scholarships...Be prepared to submit hours documentation for BFs before Winter Break SENIOR YEAR/for the SENIOR YEAR 2nd semester transcript update

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Develop a resume or brag sheet

- Create a personal inventory of your achievements, accomplishments and awards in electronic form that you continue to add to and edit- ITEMS THAT ARE BRAG WORTHY and make you stand out
- *Templates available online on the College & Career Planning webpage*
- Can't complete all of the areas yet? Now is the time to work on these areas that need strengthening to develop a complete and comprehensive resume
 - *Consider taking on a leadership role through student activities or in the community, a summer program, a part-time job, volunteering at an organization that is in your field of interest, etc.*
- Resumes and brag sheets will become critical pieces for Senior Year to use in college admissions and scholarships applications as well as letters of recommendation
- **RESUME BOOT CAMP FOR JUNIORS WILL BE OFFERED IN THE SPRING.**
Please stay tuned for updates and announcements!

1ST/FALL SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR CONTINUED

Upcoming Events – See the Important Dates handout for specific dates!

- **Junior Parent Night, KWHS Library**
And Junior Info Session Make Up – September
- **ASVAB Administration at Key West High School**
*Late September. Free but registration with College Advisor necessary. **Sign up today!***
- **PSAT Administration at Key West High School**
Mid-October on campus.
- **College & Career Night at Key West High School**
November. Free, no registration.
- **ASVAB Interpretation Sessions at Key West High School**
November. Groups TBA and sessions scheduled in the Library throughout the day.

QUESTIONS SO FAR?

A PREVIEW OF NEXT SEMESTER...

2ND/SPRING SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR

- **Junior Classroom Visits**
 - February - Ms. Missert and Mrs. Townsend will be back in classes with more important information in preparation for Senior Year
- **Class of 2018 College & Career Planning Remind**
 - February - You will be encouraged to join Mrs. Townsend's Remind messages for your class during classroom visits 2nd semester
- **Quick 1 on 1 Meetings with Mrs. Townsend**
 - March - 2-minute meetings outside of classes with each student to begin the college and career planning process

2ND/SPRING SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR

Continue work on

- **College & Career Exploration**
 - KWHS Guidance Career Center / MyCareerShines
 - Utilize the resources on the College & Career Planning webpage
 - Utilize the results from the ASVAB Test and the ASVAB Interpretation Session
- **Academic Excellence (rigor and grades)**
 - Take advantage of on-campus tutoring services as well as NMSI support for AP classes
 - Remember that DE courses count as the start of your college transcript
- **Eligibility Criteria for Bright Futures Scholarships**
 - GPA, Community Service Hours, Graduation Requirements, Vocational Courses (where applicable), and ACT/SAT Scores; [see handout/online](#)
- **Active Participation and Leadership Roles**
 - Step up your involvement in activities, athletics, and community service

2ND/SPRING SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR

ACT and SAT Administrations

- **Prepare for the ACT and the SAT**
 - Use the score report from your October PSAT to prepare (available to you online through your College Board account)
 - Utilize the resources in the CAP Office and posted on the College & Career Planning webpage as well as opportunities in the local community
 - Khan Academy (partnership with College Board)
 - COMING SOON – ACT will offer free and enhanced online test prep
- **Register for and take the ACT and SAT** (and ACT with Writing and/or SAT II if applicable)
 - Register online for ACT and SAT – be mindful of deadlines and testing location!
 - Links are posted on the College & Career Planning webpage
 - Most have an electronic picture of yourself according to ACT/SAT criteria
 - If you qualify for a test fee-waiver, please see Mrs. Townsend well in advance of the registration deadline. Students receive 2 waivers for each test in academic career.
 - **KWHS Guidance recommends that you take each test twice between February and June**, leaving opportunity early in the Senior Year to take tests again if needed to reach your goals. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SENIOR YEAR TO START TAKING COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS**, especially if you plan to attend a 4-year or out-of-state institution!

2ND/SPRING SEMESTER JUNIOR YEAR

SAT IIs/Subject Tests

- Some colleges and universities (*typically private, out of state and Ivy League schools*) may require that applicants take SATIIs as part of their admission application requirements.
 - Check individual schools' application requirements to know if you need to take these tests
 - Don't take/submit if not required
 - Choose to take tests based on the requirements of the institution as well as your areas of strength/program you intend to study
 - Take the SATIIs late in the Junior Year or early in the Senior Year
 - Register for SATIIs the same way you do the SAT online
 - Preparation resources available online and in the CAP Office

ARRIVE SENIOR YEAR READY TO TACKLE COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING!

Do your research.

- The information is already out there! Review and utilize College & Career Planning Resources often such as the KWHS College & Career Planning Webpage, the Senior College & Career Planning Guide, and your ASVAB Career Exploration Program results. *Develop a short list of your goals/colleges.*

Prepare for and take tests.

- Utilize NMSI resources for AP Exam preparation
- 2 ACTs and 2 SATs by the end of Junior Year – starting January 2017 and after
- SAT IIs if necessary
- Fee waivers if eligible

Collect your accomplishments with the creation of a resume that you'll continue to develop senior year

Get organized.

- Use the summer in between Junior and Senior Year to get ready for College Visits, Electronic College Application Logins, Unique Admission Requirements, and Essay Prompts and Letters of Recommendation (if applicable)

Stay tuned.

- Junior classrooms visits again 2nd semester.
- Quick 1 on 1 Meetings with the College Advisor outside of classes 2nd Semester
- Updates and reminders on Class of 2018 College & Career Planning Remind, coming 2nd Semester
- Updated information and procedures shared with you next year during Senior Classroom Visits & Parent Night – September 2018!!

General Questions?

Please save specific questions unique to you for appointments with the College Advisor.