



## Junior Year Checklist

### High School Code: 101-004

One of the advantages of starting to plan in your junior year is the extra time you will have to explore your options. At this point in time, juniors should:

Register for your Scoir account at <https://app.scoir.com/signup?hsid=101004>.

Through this platform students will be able to search for colleges based on academic/personal interests, build their college list, and keep all their application documents to be submitted in one place.

- Keep in mind that colleges look for:
  - A strong GPA
  - Challenging high school curriculum (AP, Honors and dual enrollment courses)
  - Involvement in extracurricular activities (school and community)
- Register to take the PSAT (offered in October) this is the only opportunity to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program ([www.nationalmerit.org](http://www.nationalmerit.org)).
- Take challenging classes.
- Keep grades up...**JUNIOR** year is very important.
- Register for the spring SAT and ACT ([www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))
- Get involved in extracurricular activities.
- Plan to attend local college presentations and college fairs
- Plan to visit college campuses during spring and summer.
- Learn about financial aid and scholarships available from each institution planning to apply to.
- Be familiar with scholarship opportunities. Obtain monthly Scholarship Bulletin available at [www.varelahighschool.net](http://www.varelahighschool.net). Register at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me) and [www.bigfuture.org](http://www.bigfuture.org) for more scholarship opportunities.
- Identify the institutions you would like to apply to.
- Keep a list of activities and awards. Prepare a resume.
- Keep a calendar with deadlines.



## GOOD LUCK!