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IT'S  
SENIOR  
YEAR**



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# PREPARING for SENIOR YEAR

- ★ **On track to graduate?**
  - Credit check
  - Summer school?
  - Core 40 or Core 40 with Academic Honors diploma?
- ★ **Course Selection**
  - Take 4th year of math if going to college
  - Take challenging courses & courses toward your career path
  - Senior Service & Chapel Committee
- ★ **Sign up for the ACT or SAT if college-bound**
- ★ **Visit colleges, trade schools, military recruiters**





# Tasks for Junior Year

- Make sure you're on track to graduate!
- Focus on grades, class rank, test scores, involvement
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your future plans
- Attend a COP appointment
- Visit trade schools
- Meet with military recruiters



# Tasks for Junior Year

- NCAA/NAIA Clearinghouse
- Attend college fairs
- College representatives visiting Illiana
- Visit colleges
- Attend Financial Aid Seminar in the fall
- Take ACT in April, June or July (if college-bound)



# College Readiness Testing

## ACT or SAT

- College entrance exams
- ONE (not both) is required for college entrance
- ACT offered April, June & July
- Registration & deadline info on [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) Or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- School code = 154444 - Test Center code = 247750



# College/Trade School Visits & Exam Voucher

Juniors and seniors may take two visit days during each of their junior and senior years. During 1st semester, visit days must be BEFORE Christmas break. During 2nd semester, visit days must be BEFORE May 1. All work or tests must be made up within 3 school days of the student's return to school. Visit days must be requested by completing the **Absence/College Visit Form** and turning it into the office PRIOR to the visit. The student is required to verify contact with the admissions office of the college/trade school they visit by using the green visit verification form.



# 4-Year College Bound Students

➤ Check college websites for ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS  
(Undergrad, 1st Year Student, Freshman)

- Colleges have different deadlines for their applications, but in general, Aug 1 - Nov 1 is considered a “Priority Filing Period.” This DOES NOT include all colleges. However, if it includes your intended college, you may lose scholarship money if you apply after this time or may not be admitted if all spots are filled!!

Examples of Priority Deadlines (Early Action)

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| ◦IU (Bloomington)  | Nov. 1, Feb. 1 final deadline |
| ◦ISU / NIU/ DePaul | Nov. 15                       |
| ◦SIUC / SIUE       | Dec. 1                        |



College  
Admission  
Requirements

➤ VISIT colleges you're considering attending (go to college's website to find out visit day info)

# 4-Year



# Bound Students

- Think about 2 teachers/staff to write a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (form in GC under 4-Year College, Letters of Recommendation)
- Take ACT or SAT test (GC under ACT/SAT Testing Info section)
- Check with the college you plan to attend about its policy on AP CREDIT
- Use the JUNIOR COLLEGE CALENDAR to keep track of your next steps (GC under 4-year & then College Applications section)
- Parents/guardians should attend the FINANCIAL AID SEMINAR at ICHS in the fall. Date is to be determined





# Use Your Support System!

- ❖ Seek out your counselor
- ❖ Talk with your parents/guardians
- ❖ Ask your teachers for wisdom/advice
- ❖ Talk to older siblings or other family members

