*Planning for Junior Year:*

JUNIOR YEAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT YEAR FOR COLLEGE PLANNING.

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**To Do:**

* Meet with your counselor to share interests, obtain resources, and fee waivers.
* Research colleges and universities to make a list of your top choices.
	+ Do virtual and in person tours for all your schools.
* Start researching and/or applying for scholarships and grants.
* Attend College fairs and Financial Aid workshops held at colleges and universities.
* College Pathways of the Triad: FREE Comprehensive college advising program for Juniors. www.cptriad.org/apply
	+ Ask your counselor for more information.
* Get familiar with financial aid terms, such as FAFSA, FSA ID, the College PROFILE, scholarships, grants, federal and private loans.
* Create/Update your resume (clubs, jobs, volunteer services).
* Find THREE references to write you a propitious letter of recommendation.
	+ Give recommenders at least three weeks to write your letter.

**STAY INVOLVED:**

* Extracurriculars, jobs, and community service are essential elements of your college application.
	+ Create/Update your resume (clubs, jobs, volunteer services).
* Student athletes must pass 70% of courses each semester to remain eligible for athletics.

**ACT:**

* Students will take the ACT once during their junior year.
	+ Additional test prices, dates, and practice test can be found on act.org.
		- If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, if you receive Medicaid, or live in federally subsidized public housing you can request a fee waiver from your counselor.
	+ Northern’s testing code is 341603. You will need this to register for either ACT or SAT.

**Transcript:**

* Students can request an official transcript electronically through CFNC. You will need to set up a CFNC account if you do not already have one. Then go under the apply tab and follow the directions.

**Interested Armed Forces or GAP (Guilford Apprenticeship Partners):**

* See Mrs. Smith or email her to get connected to a recruiter. You will need to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery), a timed multi-aptitude test. Your score will determine whether you are qualified to enlist in the US Military.
	+ Learn more about these opportunities by reaching out to Mrs. Smith smithl2@gcsnc.com