



JUNIOR YEAR TO-DO LIST

FEBRUARY:

- In Naviance under the **“About Me”** tab - Go to “My Surveys” and complete the Future Planning Questionnaire. This is essential for a thorough letter of recommendation from your guidance counselor! <http://www.connection.naviance.com/stoneham>
- In Naviance under the **“Colleges”** tab- Go to “Find Your Fit” then “Advanced College Search” to complete and save at least one **College Search**.
- In Naviance, add at least 6 schools to **Colleges I’m Thinking About** under the **“Colleges”** tab. It’s recommended that you have 2 “reach” schools, 2 “realistic schools, and 2 “safety” schools. Make sure that one of these schools is a “financial safety” school.
- Once these Naviance tasks are **completed**, schedule 1:1 appointment with your guidance counselor!
- Register for the SAT with Writing** on www.collegeboard.org
AND/OR
Register for the ACT with Writing at www.actstudent.org
- Consider setting up a **job shadow experience** - plan ahead now for April vacation!
- Begin visiting colleges. Tour dates and time can be found on college websites (usually under an “Admissions” tab), or you may call colleges directly. Saturday tours are offered at most colleges.

MARCH:

- Return **Student Evaluation Forms** and **Parent/Guardian Questionnaire** by March 2, 2019.
- Check each college's website about testing requirements. Some schools may require **SAT Subject Tests** which are offered in May and June. If needed register on www.collegeboard.org
- If your standardized test scores are lower than you’d like**, consider a test prep program (see Stoneham High School Guidance website or your counselor for information) and/or review a comprehensive list of SAT/ACT optional colleges on www.fairtest.org

APRIL:

- Continue to visit colleges**. Tour dates and times can be found on college websites (usually under an **“Admissions”** tab), or you may call colleges directly. Saturday tours are offered at most colleges.
- Attend the **National College Fair** in Boston on **Thursday, April 4, 2019**. This will be a field trip during the school day - listen to the announcements for sign-up information!
- Schedule an appointment with your guidance counselor** to discuss prospective colleges and update your plans.
- Attend the **College Panel** at SHS on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:30pm**. Hear great advice from your peers (current seniors) and from a college admissions counselor on navigating the college selection process! **Juniors AND their parents** are encouraged to attend!

MAY:

- Create a Common Application account** at www.commonapp.org. The guidance department will have small group sessions to assist you with this process.
- Start work on your college essay/s.** Essay questions and requirements can be found on individual college websites or on the Common Application website (if the college(s) you're applying to use the Common Application).
- Schedule an appointment** with your guidance counselor to finalize your summer to do list.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

<http://connection.naviance.com/stoneham> - college search engine and platform for sending transcripts and letters of recommendation electronically

www.collegeboard.org – SAT registration and test prep

www.actstudent.org – ACT registration and test prep

www.fairtest.org – list of test-optional colleges and universities

www.commonapp.org – application used by hundreds of colleges across the U.S.

www.masscis.intocareers.org – career exploration, employment outlooks, salary information

www.stonehamschools.org/schools/stoneham-high-school/guidance/index - SHS Guidance Dept.

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