

# 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COLLEGE AND CAREER PREPARATION TIMETABLE



## Fall:

- ❑ Get to know your new 11<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.
- ❑ Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss courses you will be taking this year. **Make sure you know what courses will attract the best colleges.**
- ❑ Go over your transcript with your counselor, make sure you are taking all the courses you need. Also inquire about AP classes.
- ❑ Start to really explore some careers that you are interested in.
- ❑ Get involved in extracurricular activities. Colleges like to see that you are spending your free time in a productive way. If none of the activities offered at school interest you, look to volunteer somewhere outside of school.
- ❑ Explore College Now classes at Hunter College, City College or Baruch College for the spring semester.
- ❑ Attend the Big Apple College Fair.
- ❑ Attend the SUNY College Fair (takes place at the Jacob Javits Center in the Fall) Check the SUNY website often for free events for students [www.suny.edu/studentevents](http://www.suny.edu/studentevents)
- ❑ Ask your College Counselor about any SAT Prep classes being offered.
- ❑ **Make sure you check your HSFI email regularly for any exciting opportunities.**

## January/February:

- ❑ Do well on your Regents! Also review your transcript with first semester junior grades on it.
- ❑ Make sure you keep your grades up, an 85 or higher average is a good goal to strive for. Colleges will look at your entire transcript so make sure you do well every year.
- ❑ All juniors will be taking the SAT during the school day in the Spring. It is highly recommended you take the SAT again Fall of Senior year(August, October or November) so you can do some prep to improve your scores. If you would like to take the SAT again as a junior you can do so in May or June. You do not need to register for the school day exam only for the weekend exams.
- ❑ Register for Subject Tests if you think you will need them for certain colleges.
- ❑ If you aren't taking a SAT Prep class currently now is the time to ask again if there are any for the spring.
- ❑ Visit colleges during the February Break.

## **March/April:**

- Take the SAT – All juniors take the SAT school day exam in either March or April
- Attend Spring College Fairs.
- Visit colleges during Spring Break.
- Research summer programs and possible internship opportunities that are related to your career aspirations. Take advantage of your summer off to get involved. There are many free opportunities such as College Now.

## **May:**

- Take the SAT/Subject Tests if needed.
- Start thinking about your college essay and possible topics.
- Make a list of the schools you think you want to apply to and review it with your College Counselor or Guidance Counselor. Make sure you are looking at a variety of schools, don't just apply to reach schools.

## **June:**

- Take the SAT/Subject Tests if you did not take them in May.
- Meet with your counselor to review how you did this year and come up with some ways that you can improve for next year. Talk about what classes you should be taking next year.
- See if you are eligible for AP/Honors classes.
- Start to think about any teachers you had this year that you could ask for a letter of recommendation.
- If you plan to take the August SAT see your counselor for a fee waiver before summer break.

## **Summer:**

- Take College Now Classes, work or volunteer, do something to show you are involved.
- Make sure you know what the requirements are of the schools that you wish to apply. This will prepare you to start applications early senior year.
- If you are applying to Art/Design schools work on your portfolio, make sure it is the best it can possibly be. This is something you don't want to wait until the last minute to do.
- Start getting organized! You will be getting a lot of mail from colleges this summer and a lot of it will be junk mail! Only keep the information from the schools that you are interested in attending. Just because a school sends you mail it does not mean you should apply there.
- Visit some colleges, if you can't travel stay right here in NYC, there are plenty of colleges to see!
- Study for the SAT!
- Register for the August SAT if you have chosen to take that exam date.
- If you plan to take the October SAT the registration deadline is usually right when school starts so make sure you register on time.
- Do something fun before school starts, it is going to be a busy year 😊