

Junior Planning Calendar

August & September

- Your schedule should include challenging academic courses along with rigorous and interesting electives.
- Your junior year grades are crucial because they are your last chance to influence the GPA that will be indicated on your college applications and transcripts.
- Reevaluate your high school progress. Make the changes necessary to improve your academic and activity record.
- Use your planner/student handbook to keep assignments and homework organized.
- Encourage your parents to attend parent teacher conferences to meet your teachers and counselors.
- Attend local/area college fairs and information nights to start exploring colleges.
 - A list is available on the on Guidance website when available
- Be sure that you and your parents are signed up for the GHS Email Announcements.
- Talk to college representatives when they visit Graham. Make sure you check the website or announcements.
- Join fall school activities, including clubs, plays, athletic team, student government, and service organization.
 - Take leadership positions when possible.

October

- Volunteer for community activities.
- Take the preliminary SAT (PSAT) test in October (Offered at Graham, sign up and pay with Mrs. Zirkle. There is a fee attached) Your scores could qualify you for the National Merit Scholar.
 - Free test prep available at
 - www.collegeboard.com. Take this especially if you plan on participating in PSEOP/Dual Enrollments.
- Seek help from teachers, if you are starting to struggle in a subject or subjects.
- Continue to build a relationship with your counselor and teachers.
- Review your Progress Reports have your password to progress book throughout 1st quarter
 - See Teachers and/or counselors if you are having difficulty.

November

- Review your report card. See Teachers, and/or counselors to see if you need tutoring.
- Read book, newspapers, and magazines in addition to assigned homework.
- Assess your aptitudes, skills, personality, and possible careers. Explore some careers in depth by reading, interviews, and job shadowing, or researching online.
- Make an appointment with your counselor if you have not yet had a meeting this year. Request a copy of your transcript so you understand how your high school courses are recorded. Review the transcript carefully to verify its accuracy.
- Use college and career planning books in the Guidance office to help with your planning.
- Discuss your career and/or college plans with your counselor and parents.
- Develop an organization and filing system for all of your college and career information.

December

- Talk more extensively with your parents about Post-Secondary plans and financing a college education.
- If you are planning on attending college, continue to study for the SAT and ACT Test preparation sessions are held at Edison State Community College for a fee.
- The SAT website(www.collegeboard.com) and ACT website (www.ACTstudent.org) both have extensive free test prep resources online.
- Prepare thoroughly for Mid-Term exams.
- Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations.
- Take leadership positions when possible.
- Review your Progress Reports have your password to progress book throughout 2nd quarter. See Teachers, and/or counselors if you are having difficulty.

January

- Rededicate yourself after Winter Break to achieve better grades.
- Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- Review your report card. See Teachers, Freshman Focus Student Tutors, and/or counselors to see if you need tutoring, etc
- Begin planning your course selection for your junior year.
- Familiarize yourself with your PSAT results. Your counselors can help with the interpretation of the results.
 - Take advantage of additional outline test preparation materials available after your PSAT results are returned

February

- See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- Schedule your classes for your Senior year.
- Attend the mandatory meeting for PSEOP/Dual Enrollment if you are planning on participating in school year 2012/2013
- Register for the Spring SAT or ACT also you might register for the SAT subject test (verify if your potential college list includes school that requires the SAT Subject test.
 - To register go to the SAT website (www.collegeboard.com) and the ACT website (www.actstudent.org)
- Review and Revise your tentative four-year high school course selection plan.
 - Plan for courses that challenge you academically and will expose you to a variety of career possibilities.

March

- Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations.
 - Take leadership positions when possible.
- Schedule college visits. Go to each school's "Admissions" web page for information on how to schedule your campus visit.
- Use your college Handbook for "Questions to Ask on a College Visit"
- Continue building a reference library of materials.

- Review your Progress Reports have your password to progress book throughout 3rd quarter.
 - See Teachers, and/or counselors if you are having difficulty

April

- Review your report card. See Teachers, and/or counselors to see if you need tutoring, etc.
- Talk with your teachers and other adults about your future.
- Have at least one serious talk with your parents about your future, your plans, and what expectations they might have for you.

May

- Use the Naviance and Ohio Means Jobs Backpack to assess a wealth of information about careers and college.
- Students use Naviance and Ohio Means Jobs Backpack in middle school and may already have a username and password
- Prepare thoroughly for your final exam.

June

- Review your Progress Reports have your password to progress book throughout 3rd quarter.
- See Teachers, and/or counselors if you are having difficulty.
- Make summer plans
- Review your report card. Evaluate areas for improvement and make a plan for the following year.

Summer

- Begin your summer reading if you have any
- Continue preparing for the SAT or ACT (Practice Practice Practice)
- Begin planning and developing your college essay
- Visit more colleges. Take pictures and notes on each campus as they will start to run together.
- Be involved in summer activities including sports, work, hobbies, and volunteer work.
- Continue to add to your high school "Activity Resume"