



Junior Presentation

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Senior Year Preview

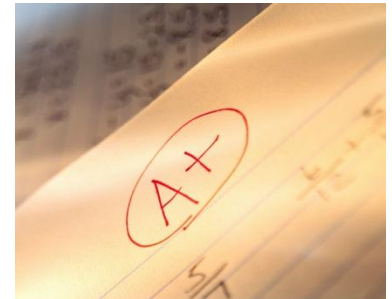
- Credits-You should have 16+credits by the end of the junior year
- Timeline of Events (Ideal)
 - Sept-October 31st all applications complete & submitted
 - October/November- FAFSA completed
 - Entire year-search for scholarship opportunities



How to prep for college/technical schools

- Finish your junior year out strong!
Stay focused on academics!
- Schools utilize freshman, sophomore and junior year grades for admission.
- Continue involvement in school- or community-based extracurricular activities.
- Utilize Career Cruising for Career and Post-Secondary Information.

[Career Cruising](#)



Researching Schools

- Go online to colleges' /universities' websites to request information.
- Get to know the admission criteria for your top schools. Know where you stand in relation to those requirements and work toward changing what you can (if you fall short). Ex. Re-taking ACT
- Attend college fairs and talk to college representatives.
- Attend WEF this Fall [WEF Website](#)
- **Use College Research Form available in school counseling office.**

Campus Tours and Preview Days

- Visit colleges-take along a college visit question form (available in the school counseling office or on our website)
- A campus tour or preview program is a great way to see if a college campus might be the right fit. It is guided and usually includes a meeting with an admissions representative.
- Preview programs often include a campus tour and meeting with representatives from student services offices, admissions, academic departments, and/or current students.
- Click on the link below to access visit opportunities for all of the UW schools.
- <https://uwhelp.wisconsin.edu/prep-for-college/campus-tours-visits/>
- Maintain a professional demeanor when visiting, interviewing, and or interacting with any college representatives.

ACT or SAT?

- Differences between ACT & SAT
- To prepare: Utilize your free ACT prep account (Albert I.O.) Stop in the Library if you need your username password
- Check admission requirements for your institution (what is average ACT of admitted freshman)

Career Cruising

- This is a career exploration tool that you have used in classes and during guidance lessons last year
- You will need to be able to access this program in order to track your applications, request letters of recommendation, look for scholarships and make transcript requests

Career Cruising

- Here is the link for Career Cruising
<https://sso.careercruising.com/page/openidconnect>
- This link can also be found on the School Counseling tab on the school's website
- Remember you will **not** need a username and password as you will automatically be logged in through your Google Account (Career Cruising is already linked to your Google Account)
- Next we will take you through a quick tour of the features that you will need to access next year.

Things to do in Career Cruising

- **My Saved Schools**- If you are interested in any school you can save it and then Mrs. Taylor can send invites if reps are coming to GHS
- Utilize **My Scholarships & Financial Aid**
- Invite parents/guardians
- Fill out **Personal College Profile** (to replace letter of rec request form)
- Utilize Campus Visit Forms in Career Cruising

Requesting Transcripts in Career Cruising

Here's how students can initiate transcript requests from *My Plan*:

- Log in to Career Cruising.
- From **My Plan**, click **My Education**.
- Select **My Transcripts**.
- Click **Send Ad-Hoc Transcript Request**.
- Select the destination for your request. If the NCAA is the destination, confirm the request. If the destination is a college, click a state and then choose the college by name.
- Click **Send Now** to confirm the request.

Letters of Recommendation

- Not everyone needs one
- Bubble kid example or if it is explicitly required by a school or for a scholarship
- Always request letters in person, give teachers adequate time to write the letter (2-3 weeks), fill out the Personal College Profile in Career Cruising and e-mail it to teachers AFTER you have kindly requested the letter in person.
- No more than 3 letters are needed (1-2 well written letters will suffice)
- Should typically be from a core area teacher (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- However, if you are applying to a specialized program i.e. You are applying to an art school, then a letter from an art teacher would be appropriate
- Make sure to write a thank you note!

Paying for School



- Continue/begin to save for college.
- Investigate the availability of financial aid from federal, state, local, and private sources as well as scholarships. Talk to your school counselor for more information.
- Explore Net Price/Cost Calculator found on all college websites

Two examples:

- [Marquette](#)
- [Twin Cities](#)

FAFSA

- **Students now able to submit a FAFSA[®] earlier.** Students will be able to file a 2019–20 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2018. The earlier submission date is a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year.
- **Students will use earlier income information.** For example, on the 2019–20 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2017 income information, rather than their 2018 income information.

Labor Market Info



- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)
- [O Net](#)
- Begin to research future labor market trends.
- It is essential for you upon graduation to understand labor market trends in order for you to select viable and life-style sustaining career.
- Before you make a significant investment (time, money, effort) Will you get out what you put in?

Things to do:

- Continue to keep track of all of the extracurricular and volunteer activities you participate in, leadership positions you hold, and any honors/awards you receive. Build your resume. (This can be done in Career Cruising too under **My Activities and Experiences**)
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse by the end of your junior year if you want to play competitive sports in college (Division I or II).

- Work on essay topics for scholarships and/or college admissions.
- Search for possible scholarship opportunities.
- Utilize the School Counseling homepage found on the GHS website
 - FAQ section
 - National and local scholarships-located in Career Cruising
 - Career Information links
 - Post-secondary options
 - Career Cruising
- Meet with your counselor!

[School Counseling Homepage](#)



Other Helpful Tips...

- Set up a college admissions E-mail account. Keep it professional!
- Keep a college admissions notebook & folder with usernames and passwords as well as any other info.
- Draft an admission “brag sheet”. Highlight accomplishments & accolades.
- Review your online persona. Examine info on Facebook or other social networks. Schools can access this information about you.



Questions?