

# JUNIOR NEWS

IMPORTANT NEWS, DATES AND TIPS REGARDING YOUR FUTURE



## JUNIOR REMINDERS

◆**START EARLY!!!** Begin your college search NOW!!! Start using the internet & the resources in the College Office to find out **FACTS** about the schools in which you are interested!

◆**COMMUNITY SERVICE/CLUBS...** what are you doing to get involved in school??? Join a club, team or volunteer- **GET INVOLVED NOW!!!**

◆**GRADES-** Remember that your transcript from the end of your JUNIOR year will be sent to colleges with your application. Focus on your grades- and make the change TODAY!

◆**ATTENDANCE** is directly correlated to grades- You have to be in class in order to be successful!!!

## I'm Not A Senior- Why Now?

There is no such thing as "I'm not a senior..." Making a plan for college needs to begin NOW! The end of year will be here before you know it...bringing everyone closer to graduation. Making plans for college **MUST BEGIN NOW- Every moment counts!**



**TAKE THE SAT TEST- ALL JUNIORS** must take the **SAT THIS YEAR.** You will take the exam in the Spring. Registration forms are available in your high school college office or you can register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). There is a \$45.00 fee to register for the exam or see your college advisor to see if you qualify for a fee waiver. **WARNING:** Don't wait until the last day to register.



**GRADES & ATTENDANCE-** Now is the time to buckle down and focus on your academic grades. Your complete transcripts through your Junior year are what colleges will see with your applications- that means your grades need to be **STRONG**, or show improvement! Focus, Focus, Focus and **COME TO SCHOOL!** If you aren't in class, it is hard to bring your grades up! And don't forget to **GET INVOLVED** in clubs, teams etc!!!- It matters!



**START GATHERING INFO ON COLLEGES-** Now is the time to gather information on different colleges and universities. Use the internet or the college office library to gather contact information, phone numbers, websites, etc. to request information be sent to your home Attend information sessions and Open Houses now. Remember, it's never too early to get started.



## What Should You Do During Your Junior Year?

### 1. Research Colleges/ narrow your list:

- ✓ Use CollegeBoard.com and register yourself to get news about colleges
- ✓ Visit the college office at your high school
- ✓ Utilize all available college and career reference books and online resources
- ✓ Request college catalogues and applications
- ✓ Talk with your family about your after-high school plans
- ✓ Attend college fairs and college visits at your high school
- ✓ Start a college application

### 2. Attend an SAT Preparation Class:

- ✓ Buy an SAT Prep book from your local bookstore and start taking practice tests.

### 3. Begin the Financial Aid process by completing the FAFSA 4caster at [www.fafsa4castered.gov](http://www.fafsa4castered.gov).

### 4. Complete a Resume:

- ✓ Begin your personal statement
- ✓ Recommendations- Ask two or three of your teachers for a recommendation

### 5. At your High School:

- ✓ Visit the college office or speak to your guidance counselor
- ✓ Check your transcript for accuracy

\*Become an Intern

\*Volunteer for Service Credit

\*Plan for a Regents Diploma

\*Get to know your teachers

- ✓ Become involved in community service. (NOTE: many scholarships require it!)
- ✓ Make an appointment to speak with your Guidance Counselor and College Advisor
- ✓ Use the Internet to visit college web sites
- ✓ Use the college guides. They contain very valuable information

### 6. Plan which SAT/Subject Test/ ACT Exam you will take as a junior and senior:

- ✓ ALL students should take the March 10, 2012, May 5, 2012, June 2, 2012 SAT  
April 14, 2012 and June 9, 2012 ACT

✓ You must register yourself to take the test. Registration bulletins are available in your college office or go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register online. Don't wait, you can register now for the March 10<sup>th</sup> exam!

### 7. If you have questions, ASK!

- ✓ It is your responsibility to stay informed. Please see your guidance counselor if you have any questions or need help!



## How do I qualify for a Fee Waiver?

You might be eligible to take the SAT for FREE if your family meets the low-income guidelines described below. All you have to do is bring one of the following to your College Office or Guidance Counselor: a copy of your parents' pay check stub, tax forms, food stamp card, benefit card, proof that you receive reduced rent or live in a federally funded housing project, or lunch form:

### SAT FEE WAIVERS AVAILABLE \$49.00 Value

Eligible for 2 SAT & 2 Subject Test Fee Waiver during your JUNIOR/ SENIOR year  
Eligible for UP TO 4 Private College Applications

<b>Number in House</b>	<b>TOTAL Family Income</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$18,889</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$25,327</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$37,765</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$38,203</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$44,641</b>

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS  
I CAN HELP!**



**\*To utilize this service, YOU MUST hand in your lunch form and be eligible for reduced or free lunch.\***

**NEED TO PRACTICE ON YOUR SAT SKILLS??**

**QUEENS COLLEGE KAPLAN CENTER**  
***65-30 KISSENA BOULEVARD,***  
***FLUSHING, NY 11367***

**FREE SAT PRACTICE TEST**

**TO REGISTER:**  
**CALL 1-800-KAP-TEST OR**  
**SIGN UP ONLINE AT**  
**[WWW.KAPTEST.COM/ENROLL/SAT/11355/EVENTS](http://WWW.KAPTEST.COM/ENROLL/SAT/11355/EVENTS)**

