

## **Junior Timeline**

- This is the year to focus on college and career research. Resources such as [www.collegefortn.org](http://www.collegefortn.org) , [www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org), [www.bls.gov/ooh](http://www.bls.gov/ooh) have a lot of good information. The Guidance office also has many catalogs and view books so drop by and take a look.
- Maintain your grades and involvement in school and community activities.
- Be sure to attend meetings with college representatives and military recruiters when they visit MPHS.
- Make a file to collect and organize your college, scholarship and financial aid data. You can create an online portfolio at [www.collegefortn.org](http://www.collegefortn.org).
- Look at the admission requirements for the colleges you are interested in such as GPA and ACT/SAT test scores.
  - If you are considering a technical school, stop by Guidance for a brochure of program offerings.
- Enroll in dual enrollment class at CSCC or TCAT Hohenwald for no tuition cost during your junior year. Talk to your counselor about this during your sophomore year, when you register for classes.
- Apply to a Governor's school, Leadership Maury, or Girls or Boys State if you meet the requirements. These activities look great on your resume.
- All juniors will take the ACT at MPHS in March free of charge. Begin to prepare by downloading practice tests at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), attend a workshop at CSCC or hire a tutor.
  - Should you take the SAT? Drop by Guidance to pick up a list comparing ACT vs SAT and decide which is the best fit for you.
- Schedule tours of college campuses you are interested in to see what fits best for you. Spring Break is a perfect time for college visits.
- Begin to search for financial aid sources – consider your parents' employers, community and civic organizations. Find more resources at MPHS website on student/parent tab. Never pay anyone to look for scholarships.

- If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. ([www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net))
- Register for senior classes that will give you a strong transcript. Talk to your counselor about Dual Enrollment.
- Look for a summer job/internship/ or college program.
- Add any new awards, honors, sports, extra-curricular activities to your file. Create a resume' of experiences since you started high school.

