

JUNIOR PHSC NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the New Trier Post-High School Counseling department.

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Focus on a strong start

Remember this phrase, "Thrive, not survive!" We want your junior year to be a positive one; so focus on getting off to a strong start. What does that mean? Work to maintain a healthy balance in your life. Part of finding balance comes with prioritizing your time and energy for what is ahead. Here's a snap shot of some things to expect.

September 24: Junior Year Timeline, 7pm, Cornog Auditorium.

Sponsored by the [NTPA](#) and moderated by Principal Dubravec. Hear from PHSC, testing, and adviser chairs about what is ahead in the junior year.

September 26: Financial Aid Night, 7pm, Cornog Auditorium. For more details click [here](#).

First Quarter: College Rep Visits. Check the [school calendar](#) for a complete listing. Juniors may attend if during a lunch or free period.

October 5: NACAC College Fair, McCormick Place - Lakeside Center.

More details and a list of participating colleges can be found [here](#).

October 16: PSAT Offered to juniors who self-selected and pre-registered for the exam.

October 22: CHOICES Fair, for students seeking accommodations in college, 6pm-9 pm, Northfield Campus. For a complete schedule and list of participating colleges please visit the Choices [website](#).

November 6 or 7: Junior Parent PHSC Meeting, 7pm, Gaffney Auditorium. Please see [link](#) for details on assigned night to attend. A full overview of the college search process and PHSC services will be provided.

November/December: PHSC Advisory Visits. Counselors will be visiting students in advisory to provide details on post-high school planning.

December: PHSC Initial Family Appointment Scheduling begins. Dates and instructions on how to schedule the appointment will be provided soon.

Mid-January - June: PHSC Initial Family Appointments. A meeting of student, parent/guardian, and counselor to discuss post-high school goals. Your PHS counselor will provide details on how we will work together through the process, services provided, and follow-up with a list of options to investigate. Come prepared to share your ideas and expectations for the future. Please know not all students are on the same timeline, so while some students may be ready to have this conversation, others may feel more comfortable waiting until later in the spring.

January 25: Gap Year Fair, 12pm-3pm, Winnetka campus. The largest fair of its kind in the country, come learn about the exciting opportunities available. For more details click [here](#).

February: PHSC Advisory Visits. Counselors will be visiting advisory to provide guidance on selecting senior year courses.

February 25: ACT District Test for Juniors**. For more information on additional national test dates and registration deadlines click [here](#).

April 14: State SAT for Juniors**. For more information on additional national test dates and registration deadlines click [here](#).

**ACT and SAT tests are normed to be taken between second semester of junior year and the beginning of senior year. Consider which national test dates might work best for you given your other personal commitments. Feel free to reach out to your PHS counselor for advice on appropriate timing based off of your current high school curriculum.

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