## Junior Top 10 To-Do List

- Create an account on collegeboard.com and follow thru on the college quickstart.
  - a. www.collegeboard.org/quickstart
- Register for an SAT exam this spring!

Remaining test dates are: May 3 (deadline 4/4) or June 7 (deadline 5/9) The ACT exam is offered at GHS on June 14 (May 9)

3. Ask a junior teacher for a letter of recommendation.

Other sources of recommendation letters include: clergy, coach, employer, neighbor, volunteer work. Letters should be uploaded into your naviance account.

4. Attend a National College Fair

Sunday March 30 Eastern States Exposition (The Big E) Springfield, MA
Thursday, April 3 Connecticut Convention Center, Hartford, CT 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 26 Rhode Island Convention Center Providence, RI, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

- 5. Begin to visit colleges!
  - a. April break is a great time to visit colleges. Incorporate college visits into your vacation plans this spring and summer. Visit local colleges to get an idea of campus size, and course offerings. Examples of local colleges include: Mitchell College in New London (small, private college), Eastern CT State (mid-size public college), Connecticut College (small, private college), University of Connecticut (public university).
- 6. Update your RESUME in Naviance: connection.naviance.com/Griswold
  - a. Forgot your naviance password? See guidance-no problem!
- 7. Make sure your personality profiler and the career inventory in Naviance are complete.
- 8. Use Naviance to complete a college search. Save your top 10 schools by labeling them "Colleges I'm Thinking About"

- 9. Review your course registration for your senior year---pick challenging courses! You must take courses in math, science, English and social studies and world language to get into college regardless of your major.
- 10. Use the summer to look over college applications at your favorite colleges you plan to apply to in the fall---review the essay and write a first draft. A lot of seniors are utilizing the Common Application at <a href="www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a> Get familiar with the colleges that utilize the common application and how to complete this online application.