

Prior Lake High School Junior Meetings

Class of 2018

A-C Mr. Larsen
D-Ha Ms. Hager
He-La Mr. Smith

Le-Pa Ms. Kapusniak
Pe-Sk Ms. Super
Sl-Z Mr. Gutshall

First Things First



- Goal: Graduation
- ACT/SAT
- NCAA
 - DI and DII athletes need to register through the [NCAA Clearinghouse](#)
 - Ms. Kes in the Career Center
- Credits
 - You should have at least 45 credits by the end of your junior year
 - Students need **63** credits to graduate

Am I behind in credits?

- Credit Recovery options:
 - After School Program
 - Independent Study
 - Summer School
 - Online options

PLEASE MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Senior Year

Am I going to graduate with my senior year class choices?

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- **English: 12 Credits**
 - (English 9, English 10, English 11/AP, English 12/CPC + English Electives or AP)
 - **Social Studies: 10.5 credits**
 - (Geography, World History, US History, Gov, Econ)
 - **Math: 9 credits**
 - **Science: 9 credits**
 - (Science 9, Biology, Chemistry or Physics)
 - **Art: 3 credits**
 - **Health: 1.5 credits**
 - **PE: 1.5 credits**

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What counts as an Art credit?

- **Art:** All courses
- **Business:** Desktop Publishing
- **English:** Intro to Theater, Advanced Theater, Creative Writing I & II
- **FACS:** Interior Design I & II, Fashion Design
- **Industrial Tech:** Intro to Engineering Design I, II, III, IV, Architecture I & II, Cad I & II, Metals II & III, Woods II – IV, Fab lab I & II
- **Music:** All courses

Follow your own path!

- **No Plan = Bad Plan!**

- Get a job?
- Join the military?
- Vocational/Technical Training?
- Two Year College?
- Four Year College?



Community Colleges

- 2 year schools can provide two different types of preparation...
 - First option - 1 and 2 year programs, precisely designed to prepare you for a specific occupation
 - Second option – First 2 years of a 4 year program to transfer into a 4 year college/university.
- Entrance Requirement? – High School Diploma
 - Normandale Community College
 - Inver Hills Community College

Technical Colleges

- Programs specifically designed to prepare you for specific occupations/career fields.
 - 6 months – 2 years to complete.
- Entrance requirements? – usually a high school diploma.
 - Hennepin Technical
 - Dakota County Technical
 - ITT Technical Institute



Where do I begin...?

Location

Distance from home
Type of environment
City/small town
Campus Life
Housing

Public/Private

Tuition
Financial Aid
Degree Offerings
Class size
Demographics

Admissions

GPA
ACT/SAT
Class Rank
Course Req.
Essays

College Visits

Talk to current students
Explore academic depts.
Dining Hall
Ask questions
Support Services/FA

Logistics

Deadlines
Official Transcripts
Letter of Rec(s)
Scholarships
FAFSA

Senior Year!

Do grades really matter?

**“Unsuccessful completion of senior year coursework and/or a significant decline in academic performance during senior year may result in the cancellation of admission.” -
University of MN, TC**

Summer/Fall 2016



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- Seniors need to begin finalizing post-secondary plans.
 - Continue taking college visits.
 - Watch PLHS College Application Process Video (Fall)
 - Monitor deadlines.
 - Line up teacher recommendations (ASK TEACHERS IN PERSON).
 - Submit all application materials.
 - Complete senior survey on Decision Day (late May/early June) in order for final transcripts to be sent to appropriate schools or agency.

COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR!

College/Career Resources

Minnesota Career Information System

- Username: priorlake
- Password: lakers
 - Learn about over 520 occupations
 - Develop a personal portfolio
 - Research colleges, universities, and career schools
 - Find scholarships and financial aid
 - Improve job search skills and create a resume

College Data

- Search for colleges with specific criteria:
 - location, size, graduation rate, cost, student debt, and academic programs, etc.
- Predict admission chances
- Calculate financial aid
- Scholarship information
- Net price calculator

Online Virtual Campus Tours

- Multimedia tours and interactive campus maps for colleges
- Tours
- Campus websites
- Interactive maps
- Informational videos

Questions?

If you would like to schedule an appointment with your Guidance Counselor, please speak with Ms. Houlihan in the Guidance Office!