



**THE MASTER'S ACADEMY**

## JUNIOR PLANNING CALENDAR 2023-2024 (EVENT DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### August

- Continue to refine your list of potential colleges and universities.
- Begin preparing for the actual application process: draft application essays; collect writing samples; and assemble portfolios or audition tapes. If you are an athlete and plan on playing in college, contact the coaches at the schools to which you are applying and ask about intercollegiate and intramural sports programs and athletic scholarships.
- Complete the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse form if you hope to play Division I or II sports. (This form cannot be mailed until you finish your sixth semester of high school.)
- Remember to register for September SAT/ACT

### September

- Review your PSAT materials for the October test.
- Attend on-site college visits and visit at least five.
- Attend the **Florida Christian College Fair September @ TMA – September 19, 2023**
- Save samples of your best work for your academic portfolio (all year).
- Remember to register for the October SAT/ACT

### October

- Remember to register for the SAT/ACT
- **Take the PSAT @ TMA – October 11, 2023**

### November

- Junior year grades are extremely important in the college admissions process because they are a measure of how well you do in advanced, upper-level courses. Grades also are used to determine scholarships and grants for which you may be eligible. So put in the extra effort and keep those grades up!
- If you will require financial aid, start researching your options for grants, scholarships, and work-study programs.
- Remember to register for December SAT/ACT
- Sign up for raise.me and create your profile and follow universities.

### December

- Review results of PSAT with the Guidance Department. Read your score report and consult a guidance counselor to determine how you might improve on future standardized tests.
- If you plan to take the ACT, register now for the February ACT. Many colleges accept the ACT or the SAT Reasoning Test. Some colleges require the ACT or both SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests. When you begin to explore different colleges and universities, double-check to see if they prefer or require the ACT, the SAT Reasoning and/or the SAT Subject Tests.

### January

- Begin to make a preliminary list of colleges you would like to investigate further. Surf the Internet and use the college resources in the guidance office or library.
- Ask your parents for your Social Security number (required on many college applications). If you were never issued a Social Security number, contact the closest Social Security office as soon as possible to obtain a number. (This does not apply to International Students).
- Prepare for AP testing in May
- Remember to register for February SAT/ACT

## February

- **Central Florida College Fair at the University of Central Florida February 24, 2023. Time: 11:00am – 1:30pm in the Pegasus Ballroom. Date TBD.**
- Meet with a guidance counselor to discuss your preliminary list of colleges. Discuss whether your initial list of colleges meets your needs and interests.
- Remember to register for March SAT/ACT
- Work on your college essay assigned in your English class.

## March

- Attend College Night at TMA. **Date TBD.**
- Request admission literature and financial aid information from the colleges on your list.
- Prepare for AP testing in May
- Remember to register for April SAT/ACT
- Meet with a guidance counselor to complete your transcript audit, create your senior schedule and share your college application timeline.
- Attend your assigned JOT (Juniors on Task) meeting.
- Use your Spring Break to visit colleges while they are in session.

## April

- Register for May/June SAT Reasoning Test and/or the May/June SAT Subject Tests.
- Attend your assigned JOT (Juniors on Task) meeting.
- Continue to evaluate your list of colleges and universities. Eliminate colleges from the original list that no longer interest you and add others as appropriate.
- Remember to register for the June SAT/ACT
- Look into summer jobs or apply for special summer academic enrichment programs.
- Prepare for AP testing in May.

## May

- Get a jump start on summer activities consider enrolling in an academic course at a local college, pursuing a summer school program, applying for an internship, working, or volunteering. If you work, save part of your earnings for college.
- Begin visiting colleges. Register on their admission website for a formal visit.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test or the SAT Subject Tests.
- **AP Exams**

## June

- After school ends, get on the road to visit colleges.
- Take the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT Subject Tests and/or the ACT.

## July

- Visit colleges, take tours, have interviews and ask questions. Ake college visiting a family event. Involve your parents and siblings in every step of your application process. Choosing the right college is a tough decision; the opinions of those who know you best can provide helpful insight into which college is best for you.
- Finalize your resume
- **READ, READ, READ**

## August

- Attend the **Senior Summit** to prepare for college admissions season.

*\*Some dates subject to change*