

## Junior Mid-Year Timeline

### Class of 2026

#### January - February

- Schedule an individual appointment with your counselor to discuss post-high school plans.
- Start preparing for the SAT. Utilize Khan Academy and/or Method Test Prep
- Curvebreakers offers an SAT prep course at NSHS starting 1/16. Click [HERE](#)
- **February 21, 2025** registration deadline for the **March 8<sup>th</sup> SAT exam**
- **February 28, 2025** registration deadline for the **April 5<sup>th</sup> ACT exam**
- **February 8, 2025 ACT exam**

#### March

- **March 8, 2025 SAT exam (not at NSHS)**
- Begin to prepare for any AP/IB exams in May
- Start the search for summer jobs, internships, research or volunteer opportunities — see your counselor for suggestions
- Request letter of recommendation from your teachers
- Research Naviance for updated information on college statistics and acceptances from the Class of 2023 and 2024

#### April

- **April 5, 2025 ACT exam (at NSHS)**
- **April 18, 2025** registration deadline for the **May 3, 2025 SAT exam**
- Attend local spring college fairs (information available in the guidance office)
- Visit colleges virtually or in-person

#### May

- **May 3rd, 2025 SAT exam (at NSHS)**
- **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** registration deadline for the **June 7<sup>th</sup> SAT exam**
- **May 9th, 2025** registration deadline for the **June 14<sup>th</sup> ACT exam**
- Make a resume of your activities, accomplishments, and work experience
- Finalize your list of colleges to visit or that you might apply to. Make plans to visit schools over the summer if possible
- Confirm with academic teachers regarding recommendation letters and return form to guidance

#### June

- **June 7th SAT exam (not at NSHS)**
- **June 14th ACT exam (not at NSHS)**
- **June 6<sup>th</sup>** registration deadline for **July 12<sup>th</sup> ACT exam**
- Make the most out of your summer! Continue to work on your essay and applications.
- Complete the main sections of the Common Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

#### July, August

- July is a great time to work on your Common App and personal statement
- The college specific supplemental essays will be released in August
- **July 12, 2025 ACT exam**
- **July** registration deadline for **August 23rd SAT exam**
- **August 1** registration deadline for **September ACT exam**
- **August 23, 2025 SAT exam**

## September

- Register for the October/November SAT, if necessary – [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- **September 20th** registration deadline for **October 7th SAT exam**
- **September 6, 2025**– **ACT exam**
- **September 19, 2025** registration deadline for **October ACT**
- Review your transcript for corrections and return the transcript verification form to your counselor.
- Parents attend Senior College Night with Mr. Doherty - Date TBD
- Schedule an individual appointment with your school counselor to discuss deadlines and where you will be applying.
- Confirm with your counselor that there is a safety school on your list.
- Your essays and resume should be almost complete by now. Have your counselor and teachers look them over.
- Ask teachers for a letter of recommendation – write thank you notes!
- Have an English teacher review your college essay
- Continue to challenge yourself academically AND keep your grades up!
- Attend individual college visits

## October

- 10/1 - processing forms due to counseling office for 10/15 application deadlines
- 10/1 – FAFSA is typically available <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> (12/1 in 2024)
- 10/1 – The CSS Profile is available - <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>
- **October 20th** registration deadline for **November 8th SAT exam**
- **October 4th, 2025** – **SAT exam**
- 10/18 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/01 application deadline
- **October 25, 2025** - **ACT exam**
- **October 31, 2025** registration deadline for **December 6th ACT exam**
- Watch your deadlines!
- Pay attention to colleges that will be visiting North Shore. These representatives will most likely review your application. Say hello, smile, and ask questions!
- Review and finalize your essays and applications for November deadlines

## November, December

- 10/31 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/15 application deadline
- **November 8th, 2025**– **SAT exam**
- 11/15 - processing forms due to counseling office for 12/01 application deadline
- Review scholarship information on counseling webpage (Viking Quest Scholarship Site)
- Check college portals to confirm receipt of all necessary documentation
- Send 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades to any college may request them (not typically required)
- **December 6th, 2025** - **SAT exam**
- **December 6, 2025** - **ACT exam**
- 12/17 - processing forms due to counseling office for 01/01 application deadline