Junior Year College Planning Calendar

This calendar provides a broad overview of the curriculum Bryn Mawr has established to help families manage the college application process.

Junior year marks a shift in your Upper School career. You are now more than halfway through your time here. In addition, your classes meet more often and many are more challenging. Your co-curricular activities are also becoming more time consuming as your commitment and leadership responsibilities increase. Your performance this year will be important. This is not to say that the junior year is the only important year – what you have done as a freshman and a sophomore is extremely important. The junior year does, however, provide the most up-to-date information that colleges will assess; this is particularly true for students applying Early Action/Early Decision.

Remember that it is likely you will have to ask two of your current teachers for letters of recommendation next fall. They want to describe you at your best – let them see your best this year.

Be involved in and committed to co-curricular pursuits that are important to you. Remember that quality means more than quantity. Be a leader. Be an indispensable follower.

Standardized test dates and registration deadlines can be found at:
ACT -- www.actstudent.org
SAT – www.collegeboard.org
Please see Online Guide to College Counseling for testing guidelines and recommendations. Your counselor will help you devise an individual testing plan.

October

❖ PSAT administered to all Sophomores and Juniors (BMS registers all students)

November

❖ Juniors and parents attend required Junior College Night. (see school calendar for exact date and time)

❖ Register for Naviance Student. Start with the Game Plan and update your profile page. At least one parent should also register for Naviance.
**December**

- PSAT/NMSQT scores returned along with score report to help evaluate results. Students will also be notified of college counselor assignment.

**January**

*Speak with your counselor about what standardized test is best for you to take – and when you should take it.*

- Individual college counseling student appointments begin. Ms. Watkins will contact students to set up first-meeting student appointments during a student’s free periods.

- Try to keep an open mind. Remember that there are many excellent colleges you may never have heard of as well as many recognizable colleges that might not be good matches for you. Find at least one previously unknown college that intrigues you and investigate!

**February**

- Registration deadline for the March SAT test administration. Please see Online Guide to College Counseling for testing guidelines. Specific test dates and registration deadlines are available at SAT & ACT web links.

  Please note! *Students must register themselves for all standardized tests. Bryn Mawr is not a test center. Bryn Mawr does not send test scores – students must arrange to have scores sent directly to colleges from College Board or ACT.*

  The School Code (CEEB) is 210050.

- Individual student appointments continue. Students, please help Ms. Watkins find a time that works for you.

- Once a student has met with her counselor, parents may contact Ms. Watkins (x 1611, watkinsc@brynmawrschool.org) to schedule a family meeting. Family meetings are typically scheduled during a student’s free period or immediately after school. Parents should complete and bring the Parent Questionnaire to this meeting.

- Develop a broad list of college and universities to investigate (20-30). *Use Naviance* as a resource tool for research.
March

- Spring vacation affords a time for you to visit many college campuses. These visits are particularly informative if the university is not on break, but can be valuable anytime – be sure to contact the college admissions office to let them know you’re there! *(see Online Guide to College Counseling for tips on visiting colleges)*

- Plan for a profitable summer. Consider experiences that might give direction to your future. Ask teachers, advisors, college counselors and the Dean of Students for advice. Bulletin boards in the College Counseling office will have information as well.

- Register for senior-year courses. College Counselors must sign all course schedules.

April

- Individual college counseling meetings continue with students and parents.

- **AIMS College Fair** - Over 180 college representatives will be in attendance. While there are other college fairs in the Baltimore area, this one is specifically geared toward area independent school students. See the School calendar for exact dates and location. Additional information will be sent home. *You are strongly encouraged to attend.*

May

- Most students take SAT Subject tests on the June date. Consult your teachers, advisors, and college counselor about which SAT Subject tests are appropriate for you and register accordingly.

- **May AP Exams.** Although most students do not take AP courses in U.S History or in English Literature, you should consider taking one or both of these exams. Consult with your college counselor and your English and/or history teachers.

- Choose two teachers who know you well in the classroom to write you a letter of recommendation.

- Music/Dance students who will want to submit supplemental materials (DVDs, CDs, Tapes) should contact Ms. Shirk (x1670) or Ms. Tankersley (x1260). Visual artists who will want to do a portfolio should contact Ms. Tamariz (x5524).

June

- Final exams – finish the year up strong!!