Post-Secondary Preparation Timeline:

It’s never too early. . .

For Junior Year

**Summer**

* + - * Find a Job and Start saving money preferably in a savings account
* Make a list of schools you’re interested in
* Summer is the perfect time to visit college campuses, career fairs, workshop/events
* Prep for the SAT by using Khan Academy on CollegeBoard.org – 30 minutes a day will help you perform at your best
* Meet with your school counselor - make sure your core classes are being scheduled
* Continue taking challenging courses including CTE, online, Advanced Placement, direct college, and dual enrollment

**Fall**

* Take the PSAT
* Talk to the college and military representatives during lunches
* Attend College Night to explore colleges and speak to representative
* Continue to do well in school! Grades really count this year.
* Get more involved by joining a new club, playing a sport, or volunteering

**Winter**

* Finish the semester strong!
* Talk to family and friends about your classes, goals, or college and career plans
* Update your RaiseMe account or log all extracurricular activities, positions, held, volunteer work, and academic awards
* Look for PSAT/SAT Prep Courses and workshops
* Participate in Decision Day and Career and College Fair
* Take the SAT at MHS when it’s scheduled
* Narrow your college and career interests down to 3-5 institutions or programs
* Review your SAT scores – plan to register for another test day if you wish to take it again
* Set up a personal, yet professional email account

**Spring**

* Plan to visit more college campuses or trade schools
* Attend college open house events
* Start researching scholarships
* Plan for early admissions/early decision/priority deadlines
  + Begin asking teachers, staff, and mentors for letters of recommendation
  + Research application requirements
  + Prep college essays
  + Finalize list of extracurricular activities
* Find college summer programs to participate in

. . .to prepare for your future.