

Junior Year Overview – 2020-2021 SY
Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science

Summer:

- ✓ Begin visiting colleges if you have not already done so. Attend an open house or schedule a campus tour.
- ✓ Participate in a meaningful extracurricular activity, volunteer, find a summer job, etc.
- ✓ Begin researching your college of interests' current dual enrollment credit policies in order to make informed decisions for the upcoming year.

September:

- ✓ Meet with college admissions representatives who will begin visiting MATES this month and continue through the fall.

October:

- ✓ You will automatically be registered for the PSAT NMSQT, which will take place this month at MATES. This is the year your scores may qualify you for scholarships. *Note – We are working on an option for virtual students to take this assessment at a later date. More information to come.
- ✓ Attend a virtual college fair.
- ✓ Begin preliminary college discussions with your parents.
- ✓ Begin familiarizing yourself with Naviance and its features, if you have not already done so.

November:

- ✓ Continue to strive for academic achievement. This is a very important year because it is the last full year of grades colleges will see when making admission decisions.
- ✓ Develop further in-depth extracurricular activities and leadership positions.
- ✓ Begin reviewing college websites and their admission requirements.

December:

- ✓ Your PSAT scores will become available to you, and score reports will be distributed in school. Review your scores and consider an SAT prep course, if appropriate.
- ✓ Register for an SAT administration in the next few months.
- ✓ Register for the SAT subject tests, in accordance with your college of interests' admission requirements.

January - February:

- ✓ Continue researching colleges and building a preliminary list of prospective colleges. Add these colleges to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list on Naviance.
- ✓ Begin looking into a meaningful summer activity (e.g. internship, college course, job).
- ✓ Develop a college finance plan with your parents.

- ✓ Register for the Biology SAT subject test after completing Bio-Technology (optional).
- ✓ Sign up for an ACT administration to take over the next few months.

March-April:

- ✓ Continue visiting colleges. Include a variety of schools ranging in size, selectivity, location, and characteristics. Apply how you feel about these environments to schools you may not be able to visit.
- ✓ Continue working hard to maintain your grades.
- ✓ Sign up for SAT/SAT subject tests to take near the end of this school year.
- ✓ Visit colleges over spring break.
- ✓ Work on your brag sheets that were mailed home and prepare a list of questions you may want to ask your counselor at your college meeting this spring.

May:

- ✓ Brainstorm which teachers you may ask for letters of recommendation. Refer to the guidelines in the packet mailed home earlier in spring.
- ✓ Research sources of scholarships and procedures for applying.
- ✓ Begin to narrow your college choices while continuing your visits.
- ✓ Sign up for SAT/SAT subject tests to take at the end of the school year and/or August. It is ideal to try to complete all testing before senior year begins.

June:

- ✓ Take the SAT subject tests to be prepared for early decision/early action deadlines if you choose to do so. Deadlines for early applications generally range from mid-October to mid-November. Some colleges require two SAT subject tests and some require a third.
- ✓ This is a great time to take the Physics SAT subject test (optional) since you are completing the course.
- ✓ Ask two teachers who know you well for letters of recommendation. Have them sign the request forms and return them to your counselor. *Note – you will not do this until told it is time to do so by your counselor.

July-August:

- ✓ Organize records of grades, extracurricular activities, honors, awards, and standardized test scores.
- ✓ Continue fine-tuning your resume.
- ✓ Continue college visits, especially in late August after students return to campus.
- ✓ Create a Common Application account on commonapp.org AFTER August 1.
- ✓ Work on your college essays and supplemental essays.