**Junior Career Coach Info Meeting**

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**Purpose: what you can do during your junior year to help you reach your career goals**

1. Be thinking about your plans after high school (or hopefully continue thinking about those plans).
2. **Five critical issues** that high school juniors must deal with to increase their chances of success in college and career.
3. **Classes and Grades**: This is the last FULL year of grades that college admissions will see when reviewing your application. Challenge yourself; a B in a difficult class is better than an A
 in an easy class.
4. **Standardized Tests**: Most colleges in Ohio will require the ACT. Check registration deadlines so you don’t miss them. Student Services, Mr. Malaska, or I can help you with the registration process. Schedule to take the test in the spring of your junior year or early in your senior year. Take practice tests!!! (See reverse side of this page for ACT information).
5. **College Planning:**  Do your research and make a list. Look at important information like majors and minors, academic quality, job placement rates, costs, financial aid, location, etc., and make a list. Spring of junior year is a great time to visit schools, but summer before senior year is even better.
6. **Career Research:** Conduct research by taking interest surveys; talking with friends/family; exploring careers online; meeting with teachers, guidance counselors, college representatives, and military recruiters; and evaluating your likes and dislikes.
7. **Portfolio Development:** It is never too soon to begin documenting your education, work experience, community service, activities, and accomplishments. Develop a resume (will be completed in junior English class). Portfolio can include copies of resume, awards and certificates, letters of recommendation and/or a references list, samples of your work, and other proof of your accomplishments.
8. **Alternatives to College**
9. Start looking at prospective employers for after graduation; if you start now, you may be able to start working for the company the summer between junior and senior years.
10. Look into some type of additional education or training you may need after high school, especially if your career field requires certifications.
11. Again, if you are thinking of a military career, NOW is the time to meet with military recruiters to learn more about your options.
12. **College Admissions Requirements**
13. Application
14. Application Fee
15. Transcript (grades, GPA, class rank, courses, absences)
16. ACT
17. **Websites**

[www.collegenavigator.gov](http://www.collegenavigator.gov)

[www.ohiomeansjobs.com](http://www.ohiomeansjobs.com)