

Class of 2025
Junior Year Checklist

Throughout your junior year:

- Make sure you check your emails from the Guidance Office
- Continue to take the most rigorous and challenging courses you can handle that focus on your post-secondary plans (university, state college, vocational program, military, work force)
- Universities are looking for students with high GPA's in the academic areas: English, Math , Science, Social Studies, and Foreign Language
- Take the PSAT in October. It puts you in the running for National Merit Scholarships based on your junior year scores plus it gives you updated feedback from the Khan Academy to streamline your practice material as you prepare for your SAT and ACT exams. Practice questions are available on: www.collegeboard.com and SAT questions at:<https://sat.collegeboard.org/practice>.
- You should plan to take the SAT and/or ACT in the spring semester of your junior year so that you have a baseline score and can determine if you need more prep work to be prepared for fall submissions
- If you are undecided about what you want to do in the future?
 - Pray for God's leading
 - Go to www.mynextmove.org or <https://www.Bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
 - Consider taking the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) by contacting a recruiting agency- you do not have to commit to enlistment at the time of testing and it is one of the best/free interest inventories available.
- <https://www.floridashines.org> is a great site for college information
- Start researching college/career/military choices based on location, prices, majors offered etc. This can be done on the internet or in person. Plan visits to prospective colleges during spring break- make contact with the college or university prior to your visit .
- Attend the college representative visits at LWC as they are advertised via email.
- Monitor your community service hours and do not wait until your senior year to submit years worth of times. Service must be through a non-profit organization and LWC requires 25 hours per year in high school. The Bright Futures Scholarship requires either 100 or 75 service/work hours as part of their eligibility requirements
- Prepare a resume of school and community activities, summer programs, awards, honors, work experience, etc. You should have this prepared for anyone that you ask to write a reference for you. Your reference letters should be from people that have seen you in leadership roles, working independently etc- they should not just repeat your resume.