

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST**

- ✓ See your guidance counselor to pick up PSAT test booklet and review scores.
- ✓ Review extracurricular activities, start creating your resume. If appropriate, seek out additional activities.
- ✓ Register online for the ACT, SAT and SAT subject tests, if applicable.
- ✓ Register your Naviance account and get in the habit of using it regularly.
- ✓ Do a college search on Naviance and begin creating a list of schools you are thinking about.
- ✓ Check your Great Neck email frequently for updates from the Guidance department; get in the habit of using this email!
- ✓ Explore college, university and career websites.
- ✓ Schedule campus tours, sit in on a class, try the food, and ask questions of current students.
- ✓ Make a list of the things that are important to you and reflect on your goals.
- ✓ Brainstorm ideas for the college essay. Check the common application for sample prompts. It is never too early to begin writing! Keep in mind that you may need to write more than one essay.
- ✓ Identify teachers who you feel could potentially write strong letters on your behalf and work to develop those relationships throughout the year.
- ✓ Attend College Night on January 13<sup>th</sup> at South High School.
- ✓ Schedule a meeting with your guidance counselor and parents/guardians to discuss the process.
- ✓ If you are an athlete, discuss options with coaches and counselors and register for NCAA at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- ✓ Communicate your interests with your parents/guardians frequently.
- ✓ Keep your grades up!