

## Rising Junior Information

- A student's education is personal. All decisions should be based on the student's wants, needs, abilities, etc. and not on what friends are doing.
- Texting me is fine in an emergency or for a quick question. However, I prefer to deal with most college placement issues by email because I like documentation.
- Make sure that you pay attention to all communication from me and MA. You do not want to miss opportunities. **Get in the habit of checking all email accounts daily!**
- Review your student's transcript and graduation checklist. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.
- Dual Credit/Dual Enrollment: We discussed that only four classes can go on the MA transcript, but students can take as many for college credit as they'd like. Again, this is a personal decision. See the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Policy in the Student Handbook.
- Juniors must take five classes at MA and one additional class either at MA or RCC/NETC. This is for the entire year, not just first semester.
- All dual credit/dual enrollment course changes should be made through me. Please do not contact RCC/NETC directly.
- Students should begin looking at colleges this year. Always visit when students are there. Review the College Visit Policy in the Student Handbook. College Visit Forms are in my office.
- Consider creating a resume' or list so that you don't forget all of your awards, activities, etc.
- Let me know if you have questions about the NCAA Clearinghouse for those who want to play a sport in college.
- Community Service is very important. Summer opportunities are important.
- Junior Year Transcript is the most important transcript for colleges.
- Take the SAT/ACT this year before the spring. I must have scores to consider you for Junior Scholar opportunities.
- Letters of Recommendation: Do not go to ask anyone for a letter of recommendation in a group. This is personal between you and the adult that you're asking. Make sure that you ask for recommendations early and give the recommender plenty of time to write it. Ask for email address when necessary. Make sure you explain to the recommender the reason for needing the recommendation.

### RCC/NETC:

- Do not blow off RCC/NETC classes.
- Be diligent in completing these classes.
- Make sure you do well. These classes may not hurt your MA transcript, but they will be a permanent part of your college transcript.

### Other Important Information

- As you begin thinking about and touring colleges, you need to also ask questions regarding your desired program's accreditation. I have always told my students who are interested in nursing to make sure their college choice has a high passing rate on the NCLEX. However, something else that is very important when thinking about other majors is whether or not that program is accredited at the chosen college. In other words, just because a college is accredited does not mean the actual degree program is accredited. This could be for several reasons, including new programs being developed for that college. If you choose a degree program that is unaccredited, it may mean that finding a job in your chosen field will be more difficult.
- Make sure that your degree has a high job placement rate and/or acceptance into graduate degree programs.
- Make sure that you do research on your own on the college websites. Also, if you have any questions about accreditation of a program, EMAIL (so that you have it in print) the dean over that program and ask the necessary questions. Remember, you, the student, needs to do this, not your parent.