

Bernards Township Public Schools
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Junior Parents,

We in the Guidance Department are busily working with our seniors to meet the many November 1st and November 15th application deadlines, but we haven't forgotten about you or the Junior class! Many are anxious to get the college process started and questions answered, so we have prepared a timeline to ensure you don't miss anything. Be assured that we have plenty of programming in place for the Junior class so that each student (and parent!) is well-informed and well-prepared for the process.

September 2011

- Counselors encourage all Juniors to sign up for and take the PSAT. Registration information will be distributed to 11th graders during class on September 22nd; additional information can be found on the Ridge High School Web site. Registration deadline is September 30th.
- Juniors are encouraged to sign up for College Representative visits to Ridge during the fall. College Visits are posted on Naviance. Students received an email this week with more specific instructions on how to sign up. If you child lost his/her Naviance username or password, please ask him/her to see one of the Guidance secretaries.

October 2011

- The College Fair will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the RHS New Gym. Juniors should plan on attending to see what various schools have to offer, and to touch base with the representatives from schools they are already interested in. A list of schools that are attending will be posted on the Guidance Web site the week of the event.

November 2011

- Junior Parent Night is Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm in the RHS Auditorium. Counselors will review the Colleg Planning Calendar and "Glossary of Terms," and provide a crash course in Naviance.

December 2011

- Financial Aid Night is tentatively Thursday, December 1nd at 7:00 pm in the RHS Auditorium. More details to come.

January 2012

- Counselors will meet with their group of Juniors to review the College Planning Calendar and how to prepare for Junior Conferences.
- Counselors will meet with Juniors in the computer lab to further explore Naviance/college searches.

March – April 2012

- Counselors will hold individual "Junior Conferences" with students and parents. You will be notified in early March as to your appointment time. At this period-long conference, the Counselor will review the college process as it pertains specifically to your child.

For up-to-date information, please remember that the RHS Guidance Web site is constantly being updated:

<http://www2.bernardsboe.com/guidance/default.aspx>

Counselors also maintain individual "On Course" pages with guidance information:

http://www2.bernardsboe.com/BernardsBOE/DOR_RHS.aspx

The Guidance Department is looking forward to working with you and your child this school year. We'll see you in November for Junior Parent Night!

Sincerely,

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