

## To-Do List: Juniors

- If you haven't already joined, join Remind for 11<sup>th</sup> graders (If you received this message you've been added to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade group). Text **@ragsdale11** to **81010**. We send very beneficial information to you regarding college, scholarships, etc. via Remind.
- Challenge yourself with AP and honors level courses as well as courses at GTCC in the Career & College Promise Program. They will prepare you for what is expected in college.
- Remember that your GPA is very important. Start strong and keep your GPA high!
- Craft your resume over the **summer**. Do it while it is fresh! Include everything from 9<sup>th</sup> grade to the present (Honors, Achievements, Leadership, Community Service, Work Experience, etc.).
- Enhance your resume by volunteering in the community, get a job or internship, choose a summer enrichment activity. Broaden yourself! Go to the Ragsdale website and click under Student Services/ Summer Opportunities for tons of enrichment and volunteer experiences.
- Interested in Service Learning? Join the SL Remind by texting to 81010. Remind provides service learning opportunities and Service Learning Club information. For more information about earning the Service Learning diploma (250+ hours) or the Exemplary Award (100+ hours), go to Ragsdale's website, Student Services/Service Learning. Set up your x2vol account and complete the online personal project form. Start logging your hours once your project is approved. Grow your community and you through service learning.
- Not sure what you want to do after graduation? Go to CFNC.org and create an account, click on the Plan tab at the top followed by Plan for A Career. Now match your interests to a wealth of career options using the various inventories (Learn About Yourself, Explore Careers, etc.).
- Begin building your college list using Big Future's College Search tool (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>).
- You can check out individual college profiles based on what is most important to you—majors, tuition costs, campus size, location, clubs and sports, study abroad opportunities, etc. When you find a college that is a good fit, add it to your list. You can edit your list as you continue to explore new profiles. CFNC.org, collegedata.com, and College Scorecard are also great resources for this information.
- Find helpful tips for planning for college on Ragsdale School Counseling Website.
- Start looking at scholarships on our scholarship bulletin so you will know what to apply for when senior year arrives. Click on Student Services/Scholarship Information.
- Start learning about how financial aid can help you afford college.
- Begin visiting colleges. It's never too early! Call the admissions office to book a tour or schedule one online.
- Plan to attend GCS College Night in October 2019 at the Greensboro Coliseum Special Events Center.

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- Junior year officially ushers in college readiness testing. You will take the PSAT in October 2019 (scores can qualify you for National Merit Scholarships). You should also plan to take the SAT at least once during your junior year. Taking it in December and again in June allows time for you to prep in the areas that challenge you most. The ACT will be administered in Feb. 2020 at no cost to you, and the scores are official (i.e. you can report them to colleges).
- See your counselor for an ACT and/or SAT fee waiver if you receive free or reduced lunch.
- Take advantage of FREE practice ACT (act.org) and SAT tests (collegeboard.org). Use your 10<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT scores to customize free, personalized test prep through Khan Academy at satpractice.org. You can also buy SAT/ACT prep books at Barnes & Noble. Download the free app Daily Practice for the New SAT and get immediate feedback. Practice makes perfect!
- Try Scan and Score. (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice/daily-practice-app>)
- Take a complete SAT or PSAT Practice Test using the official answer sheet to bubble in your answers. Then Open Daily Practice and activate your phone's camera. Keeping the app open, scan your answer sheet with your phone's camera, and in seconds, get your score and a personalized summary of how you did on each question. Then get study recommendations from Khan Academy at satpractice.org.
- Challenge yourself with AP and honors level courses as well as courses at GTCC in the Career & College Promise Program. They will prepare you for what is expected in college.
- GTCC has amazing programs that offer certificates, degrees, and diplomas. Community colleges are the most affordable way to become career ready. Check out GTCC's offerings at [www.gtcc.edu](http://www.gtcc.edu).
- Junior grades are CRITICAL and most important to college admissions offices! Work hard because the payoff is HUGE!

\*Questions? Contact your school counselor via email or to set up an appointment.

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From the Counseling Department

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