

# CLASS OF 2012

## 2010-2011 Junior Year Checklist

### Throughout Your Junior Year:

Continue to take *challenging, rigorous courses* with a focus on your post-secondary plans (university, community college, vocational program, military, work force). Universities are looking for students with high honor point averages, high SAT and/or ACT test scores AND a bare minimum of 18 academic credits. Academic credits are in English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language.

*"Rigorous curriculum is a greater factor in determining college graduation rates than class standing, standardized test scores or grade point average."*

Clifford Adelman, Senior Research Analyst, US Dept of Education

Do SAT/ACT test prep in the library or on the web: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Park Vista offers an SAT Prep class during the day. Students must have a 3.0 GPA and be enrolled in at least Algebra II to qualify. There are also private companies (Princeton Review, Kaplan, Educational Services Center, FAU) that offer SAT/ACT test preparation courses.

Take the PSAT test to be given on October 13, 2010. Sign-ups will begin in September in the Guidance Department. You took this as a sophomore and it is *strongly* recommended that you take it again as a junior. National Merit Scholarships based on PSAT scores can only be earned when the test is taken as a junior. You will receive your scores 6-8 weeks after taking the test. The results will be correlated to the score you would most likely receive on the SAT. If you would like to practice the types of questions that you will see on the test go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Sign up for the SAT Question Of The Day and have it emailed to you daily!

Read our "COLLEGE ADMISSION" booklet located at [www.pvchs.com](http://www.pvchs.com) under the "GUIDANCE" tab and then click on "COLLEGE ADMISSION". It has all of the information you will need for the college application process to prepare you for your senior year.

Register for the SAT and ACT online. Fee waivers (if applicable) are available in the Guidance Office. A junior should consider taking BOTH of these college entrance exams in the SPRING of the junior year if he/she has taken Algebra II.

SAT online [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) ACT online [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) Park Vista's CEEB number is 101923.

(Park Vista High is a test site for the SAT on all dates except November and the ACT on all dates)

Check the website [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org) for COLLEGE INFO and to see your own transcript evaluation and your BRIGHT FUTURES GPA! Create your own login ID and password. This is also an excellent resource for researching Florida colleges and career and interest exploration.

Check weekly for scholarship information at [www.pvchs.com](http://www.pvchs.com) under the GUIDANCE tab and then under SCHOLARSHIPS. There are also two drawers full of scholarship information and applications in the Career Center located in the Guidance Department. Stop in frequently for updates.

Start researching college choices based on location, price, majors offered, etc. This can be done on the internet, by phone, or in person. Also, plan visits to perspective colleges. Spring break of the junior year is a very popular time for these visits so make your reservations to visit perspective colleges early. Park Vista also hosts several universities and colleges during the school day in the fall. Listen to the announcements or check in the Guidance Office for dates and times. You are permitted to sign up for five (5) on campus college visits.

Start (or continue) performing community service hours to apply towards the *20 hour requirement for graduation* and certain scholarships. The documentation form and suggested places to perform volunteer hours can be found on our website at [www.pvchs.com](http://www.pvchs.com) under the GUIDANCE heading or in the Guidance Department.

Prepare a résumé of school/community activities, awards, honors, and work experience. Check file in Guidance for community service opportunities and form to submit hours to your counselor. Anyone you ask to write a letter of recommendation for you should be given a copy of your resume. Remember to give that person a minimum of two weeks to write the letter!

Explore the Florida Department of Education's financial aid website, run through the Office of Student Financial Assistance. This site will give students a preview of state grants, scholarships, and loans (including the Bright Futures Scholarship Program) available for post-secondary education. The website address is [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org). Research now, but apply after December 1 of SENIOR year.

Student athletes should complete the NCAA Clearinghouse form at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) in June 2011.

Dual enrollment is available at PBCC or FAU to students with 3.0 GPA. See counselor in November, March, or May for enrollment information for spring, summer or fall semesters.

### NEW!!! Test Score Requirements for Florida Academic Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars (2010-11 high school graduates and later)

High School Graduation Year	SAT	ACT
<b>Florida Academic Scholars</b>		
2010-11	1270	28
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>28</b>
2012-13	1280	28
2013-14 and thereafter	1290	29
<b>Florida Medallion Scholars</b>		
2010-11	970	20
<b>2011-12</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>21</b>
2012-13	1020	22
2013-14 and thereafter	1050	23