



# *The STEM Academy at Showalter*

*"Unlocking Young Minds for the Future"*

## **JUNIOR YEAR**

### **Fall**

- Begin talking with your parents about post high school plans.
- Review your high school course work and make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Develop a plan for standardized testing (PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT, AP).
- Register for the October PSAT.
- Take the PSAT.
- Check the front lobby marquis for college visits. Create a list of questions and attend college visits taking place at STEM throughout the year.
- If interested in the military, attend military information session.
- Attend the NACAC College Fair.

### **Winter**

- Visit college campuses. Take a tour, go to an informational meeting, sit in on a class, and try to get a feel for what it would be like to go to that school. If you visit a school you are very interested in, consider making an appointment for an on-campus interview, if available.
- Keep a journal of questions and impressions from your visits.

### **Spring**

- Attend the STEM Career Fair.
- Sign up for the April in-school SAT exam.
- If interested, register to take the ACT and/or SAT subject tests. If unsure whether you should sit for these tests, see your counselor.
- If applicable, register for AP exams.
- Attend the Main Line College Fair at Villanova University.
- Ask teachers to write your letters of recommendation, allowing ample time for them to write before your deadline.
- If you plan to participate in Division 1 or 2 sports in college, file initial NCAA paper work online at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).
- Login to FAFSA and request a parent pin and student pin for FAFSA.
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## Summer

- Compile your resume, audition portfolio or other evidence of your talents for college admissions or scholarship applications.
- Continue to visit college campuses. Take a tour, go to an informational meeting and try to get a feel for what it would be like to go to that school. If you visit a school you are very interested in, consider making an appointment for an on-campus interview, if available.
- Narrow your list of potential college choices.
- Research scholarship opportunities.
- Determine if you will take the SAT, SAT Subject Tests or ACT and register on-line.
- Starting August 1st, go onto the Common Application website (<https://www.commonapp.org/>) to create a username and password. Begin completing your applications.