

# Reminders for the Junior Year

## ACADEMICS

- Students planning on attending college after high school should stick with a challenging course load in the junior and senior year; it's solid preparation for the rigors of college and puts you in the best situation for college admissions.

## **CAREERLINE TECH CENTER**

- Students who are applying to the Tech Center will need to register complete an online application, print a copy, have a parent sign and turn in to Mr. Sabo. Tech Center will not be an option unless an application is turned in – the deadline is February 19, 2016. Here is the application link:

<http://www.oaisd.org/ctc/studentservices/enrollment/>

## **DUAL ENROLLMENT**

- Students considering dual enrollment must earn qualifying scores on the ACT, SAT or the Compass test to be eligible for dual enrollment. The Compass Test is the most convenient option as the test can be taken in Grand Haven and results are available immediately following the test. The following steps must be complete prior to taking the Compass:
  - (1) Complete the “New Student Application” at <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/enrollment-services/apply-to-mcc/>
  - (2) Call the MCC Grand Haven Campus at 231-777-0515 to schedule a testing time.
  - (3) Review course selections on the MCC website. Courses will be available to view in mid-April.
  - (4) Make an appointment with your counselor to review courses of interest.
  - (5) Review the dual enrollment specifics at: <http://www.springlakeschools.org/guidance-department/about-slps-guidance> (view information under “College Credit Opportunities”)

## **YEARBOOK (SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS)**

- Students interested in yearbook (School Publication) will need to submit an application to Mrs. Layson by March 4, 2016. The class will be added to your list of course selections if you are chosen for the course. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

## **IB DIPLOMA CANDIDATES**

- Students interested earning an IB diploma must meet with Mrs. Henke for scheduling.

## TASKS FOR THE JUNIOR YEAR

- College representatives will visit Spring Lake High School each Fall to meet with prospective students; Juniors are welcome to attend these meetings. Specific information on the dates and times of each visit is available in the daily announcements.
- Visit prospective colleges. Simply consult the website for the college of your choice for visitor information. Be prepared for the college application process in the fall of 2017; aka, SENIOR YEAR.
- Develop a resume outlining your academics, athletics, volunteer work, awards, etc. The information will be useful for college and scholarship applications.
- Take the PSAT in October. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT and a qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships. Registration details will be available in the Fall of 2016.
- Unsure of a career direction? Try the interest inventory at <https://www.mymajors.com/>
- Explore scholarship opportunities. There are numerous sites to put students in touch with a national database of scholarships, see the Spring lake High School Website for information on these sites: <http://www.springlakeschools.org/high-school/scholarship-opportunities>
- Try *My Scholly*, a phone app for scholarships: <http://home.myscholly.com/#scholly>