

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 2010

- Counselors encourage all Juniors to sign up for and take the PSAT. Registration information can be found on the [RHS Web site](#); deadline to sign up 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 2010

- The College Fair will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the RHS New Gym. Juniors should plan on attending in order 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 2010

- Junior Parent Night is Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm in the RHS Auditorium. After a brief introductory presentation, Counselors will disperse into separate rooms and speak to their group of parents. This is also the evening where Junior Parents receive their Naviance codes, which will allow them access to this crucial college planning online program (Junior students already have their login information).

December 2010

- Financial Aid Night is Thursday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm in the RHS Auditorium. A representative from [NJHESAA](#) will give you an overview of what to expect from the financial aid process.

January 2011

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

March – April 2011

- Counselors 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 revised. Check out the “College” and “Presentations & Podcasts” tabs for information including program presentations that will be revised as this year progresses. Counselors also maintain individual “[On Course](#)” pages with guidance information.

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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