**Junior Checklist**:

GO Center

Colorado River Collegiate Academy

By the End of Your Junior Year, You Should:

Sign up to take the SAT and/or ACT tests.

\*Commit to make good grades THIS YEAR.  Colleges tend to keep a running track of your ranking.

\*Visit colleges you are interested in attending.

\*Register for summer pre-college activities

\*Continue your involvement in school- or community-based extracurricular activities.

\*Make a resume of all of your activities for your future college and scholarship applications.

\*Get to know your counselor, Mr. Longoria and your college access specialist, Mrs. McBride

\*Begin exploring college admission requirements

\*Begin searching for scholarships you might be eligible for.

\*Create a list of six to ten college possibilities (we will do this in the GO Center)

\*Begin college essay rough drafts

\*Consider people to ask for [recommendations](http://www.going-to-college.org/planning/applying.html#letters) — teachers, counselors, employers, coaches, etc.

Learn About Colleges:

\*Learn about colleges and financial aid online at bigfuture.collegeboard.org and collegeforalltexans.com

\*Go to B.E.S.T. College Night at Bastrop High School in September 2016

Study for your SAT and ACT:

\*Use these sites to help you prepare for the exam:

\*march2success.com

\*satpractice.org

\*sat.org/official practice

\*Please check with Mr. Longoria or Mrs. McBride to see if you are eligible for a fee waiver to help you cover the registration fee.

Go to My Website:

<http://crca.bisdtx.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=629698&type=u&pREC_ID=1002036>

or,

<http://goo.gl/SzpaBk>

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| TASK To Be Completed (By the end of the year) | Check Off When Completed |
| I signed up to take the SAT and/or ACT Exam-  **MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2017** |  |
| I have taken the SAT and/or ACT Exam-  **MUST COMPLETE BY MAY O1, 2017** |  |
| I have studied for, and prepared for to take the PSAT on  **Wednesday, October 19th** |  |
| I have complete a job resume for my portfolio-  **MUST BE COMPLETE BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2017** |  |
| I have complete a college resume for my portfolio-  **MUST BE COMPLETE BY OCTOBER 7, 2017** |  |
| I have complete a cover letter for my portfolio-  **MUST BE COMPLETE BY OCTOBER 21, 2017** |  |
| I am volunteering my spare time to participate in extracurricular activities and service hours –  **KEEP A RUNNING LOG IN YOUR PORTFOLIO** |  |
| I am maintaining a running list of all extracurricular activities, service hours, honors, awards, and other programs I participate in for college and scholarship applications  **KEEP A RUNNING LOG IN YOUR PORTFOLIO** |  |
| I have begun my college search...  **MUST START BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 4, 2017** |  |
| I have found 6-10 collegiate institutions I want to attend after CRCA and ACC and I KNOW THEIR ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS-  **MUST BEGIN SEARCH BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2016 AND AIM TO COMPLETE BY JANUARY 2017** |  |
| I HAVE OBTAINED AT LEAST TWO LETTERS OF RECCOMMENDATIONS FROM TEACHERS, MENTORS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE. A copy of those recommendations are in my portfolio and are ready for my scholarship and college applications-  **MUST COMPLETE BY MAY 01, 2017** |  |
| I have begun my scholarship search by looking at the links provided on Mrs. McBride’s website-  **MUST START SEARCH BY OCTOBER 7, 2017** |  |
| I have APPLIED for scholarships  **MUST APPLY TO AT LEAST THREE SCHOLARSHIPS BY MAY 01, 2017** |  |
| I have taken the time to look into the financial aid process, or looked into the cost attendance for the universities I want to attend.  **MUST BEGIN SEARCH BY NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2016 AND AIM TO COMPLETE BY MARCH 2017** |  |
| I have completed AT LEAST TWO College Entrance Essays and they are in my portfolio ready for next year’s application and scholarship process. **(COLLEGE ENTRANCE ESSAYS MUST BE COMPLETE BY APRIL 2017)** |  |
| I have begun looking for internships and/or volunteer opportunities to help “beef up” my resume-  **MUST BEGIN SEARCH AND APPLIED TO AT LEAST ONE INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY BY MARCH 2017 FOR SUMMER 2017** |  |
| I have attended BEST College Night on **September 28th** to start networking and investigate my future college options |  |
| I am regularly meeting with Mrs. McBride or Mr. Longoria to help me take care of business so that I can successfully transition into college.  **(This happens all year…Make good use of your time in the GO Center!)** |  |