



Helping Your Junior Prepare For College Applications

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I have a Junior... Now What?!





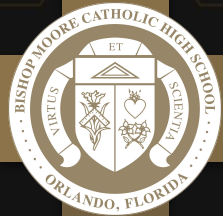
Agenda

1. Helping Your Student Explore Interests
2. High School Resumes
3. The Importance Of Junior Year Grades
4. Talking To Your Junior About College
 - *Financial Implications
 - *Standardized Testing
 - *College List
 - *Managing Expectations



Exploring Interests

1. Use Naviance to identify special areas of interest or potential majors. (Explore Personality, Intelligences, StrengthsExplorer, and Career Interest Profiler under “Self-Discovery”)
2. Consider shadowing professionals through personal connections or the College & Career Alumni database.
3. Pursue independent projects. (Ex- blogs, writing, certifications, research)
4. Discover ways in which you can take your passions to the next level.



How Personal Interests Translate to Applications

Well Rounded vs. Mastery

Depth Over Breadth

Length Of Participation & Leadership

Finding a Common Thread

Family Obligations & Employment Count



By discovering strengths and interests and incorporating them into their involvements, students will ultimately build a resume that showcases their individual and unique talents.

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Bishop Moore Catholic High School, Orlando, FL | Graduation May 2024

GPA: 4.02 weighted

Honors: National Honor Society, AP Scholar with Distinction, Principal's Honor Roll 2022

College preparatory curriculum

Honors Coursework in English, Spanish, and social studies

AP Coursework: AP World History, AP Psychology

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Orientation/Leadership Team, Bishop Moore Catholic High School, 100 hours, 2020-Present

- Facilitated small groups of incoming freshmen through the orientation process.
- Conducted tours, supervised ice-breaker activities, and performed skits.
- Represented Bishop Moore at community and parent events throughout the year.

Habitat for Humanity, 40 hours, Summer 2021

- Served at a week-long work camp that constructed a new home for a needy family.
- Painted interior and cleaned construction site.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Bishop Moore Cross Country Team, 2020-Present

- Varsity Letter, 2021
- Most Improved Athlete Award, 2020

Bishop Moore Track Team, 2021-Present

- Varsity Letters, 2021 and 2022
- Qualified for regional competition in 4X4 relays.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Stock Associate/Cashier, Publix Grocery Stores, January 2020-Present

- Worked 15 hours per week inventorying groceries and stocking shelves.
- Operated cash register during peak hours.
- Named Employee of the Month for February 2021.

Ride Operator, Magical Midway, Summer 2020

- Worked 28 hours per week greeting customers and taking tickets.
- Managed ride operations and performed safety checks on rides.

SKILLS

Web Page Design, Designed three personal Web Sites using Netscape.

Languages, Bilingual in Spanish and English.



JUNIOR GRADES MATTER!

Most Students will apply to colleges in the fall of senior year, before senior grades have been updated.

Grades are typically the most important criteria in the application process, although schools vary greatly in their admission requirements.





Have College Conversations Early

Be real about family finances and what is affordable.

Take into account the presence of Bright Futures and Florida PrePaid.

Consider the likelihood of additional schooling costs/graduate school.





Create A Testing Plan

Determine whether or not you have a “strength test.”

Colleges have no preference for which test you take.

Most students take 3 tests on average.

Students should plan to start testing in the fall or spring of junior year.

Consistent practice improves scores. (Independent tutor, online practice tests, Khan Academy/College Board, ACT Academy/ACT.org)





Building A Balanced List

What do we mean by balanced?

Research schools that have varying admissions rates.

Consult prior year's Freshman Profile or Common Data Sets.

Manage expectations.

Fit over Rankings

What message are you sending?



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