

# HAMMOND

## College Admissions Process at Hammond

### Ninth Grade

- Attend September **College Counseling Night** for an overview of the college process as it pertains to Freshmen and their parents.
- Take PSAT (practice only) in October
- Do well in coursework; keep options open
- Get involved in extra-curricular activities (athletics, clubs, student government, volunteer)
- Participate in a significant summer experience

### Tenth Grade

- Attend September **College Counseling Night** for a more refined overview of the college process as it pertains to Sophomores and their parents.
- Take PSAT (practice only) in October
- Do well in coursework; continue to keep options open
- Continue involvement in extra-curricular activities; Seek out leadership opportunities
- Perhaps begin a few college visits especially during summer
- Participate in a significant summer experience

### Eleventh Grade

- Attend September **College Counseling Night** for a detailed discussion of the college admissions process as it pertains to Juniors and their parents
- Meet with individual college representatives when they visit Hammond (Visit schedules can be found on the College Counseling bulletin board and in the daily announcements)
- Attend school sponsored PSAT prep session (October)
- Take PSAT in October; also called PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)
- Continue involvement in extra-curricular activities; Concentrate involvement in those most important to you.
- Parents consider attending **Financial Aid Night** offered by College Counseling Office; designed for senior parents but junior parents are welcome to attend
- Attend **Junior Symposium** in January/February (Workshops on selected topics of interest in college admissions)
- Meet with Mrs. Bickley for individual Family College Conference (Feb-April)
- Take SAT twice during spring; (March and May are recommended)
- Write college essay in **College Essay Workshops** in junior English classes
- Check college SAT Subject Test (SAT II's) requirements and take SAT Subject Tests (spring/summer)
- Ask two teachers to write college recommendations (May)
- Begin serious college visits in the spring and continue through summer and into fall
- Participate in a significant summer experience

### Twelfth Grade

- Meet with Mrs. Bickley to finalize college list and begin actual application process (August-September)
- Register for final SAT; register in August for first fall test
- Complete high school resume'
- Take advantage of college reps who visit Hammond campus
- Recheck college requirements for SAT Subject Area tests (SAT II's)
- Complete first application by October 1
- Complete all applications by December 1
- Parents attend **Financial Aid Night** offered by College Counseling Office