

HAMMOND

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1. All *juniors and their parents* should plan to attend the **Eleventh Grade College Counseling Night** on Monday, September 10, at 6:00 in the Bank of America Theater. This is a mandatory meeting designed to kickoff the college admissions process. You don't want to miss it!
2. Juniors, along with freshmen and sophomores, will take the **PSAT** on Wednesday morning (8:00-noon), October 17, at Hammond. The junior year **PSAT** is used as a qualifying test for the **National Merit Scholarship Competition**. For more information on **National Merit**, go to <http://www.nationalmerit.org/>
3. A **PSAT Prep Seminar** for juniors will be held on campus Wednesday, October 10, from 8 am-12pm in the Lecture Hall. Juniors should bring checks to Ms. Easler made payable to Hammond School for \$25.00 by September 28.
4. Juniors are encouraged to explore www.collegeboard.com for additional information on the **PSAT**, test preparation, and the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Follow the links for students and click on College Board tests, then PSAT/NMSQT.
5. The annual in-state and out-of-state **college tours** will take place November 13-15. Juniors are required to participate in one of the two. Itinerary, cost, and sign up info will follow at a later date.
6. Above all else juniors should concentrate on doing well in classes. College admissions committees sometimes weigh junior and senior grades more heavily. Nothing takes the place of doing well in a rigorous curriculum. ***Make no mistake: Your junior year is a very important year. Start strong. Maintain your momentum.***
7. Juniors are invited and encouraged to attend sessions with college representatives visiting Hammond. Visit schedules are included in **Daily Announcements** and are posted on the **College Counseling website** and on the bulletin board in Manning Hall well in advance. ***(Juniors must get permission in advance from the subject area teacher whose class will be missed and are responsible for any work missed.)***
8. The University of Georgia and Georgia Tech will host their Columbia area info session on our campus September 11 (7:00-8:30) in the Bank of America Theater. Register in advance at www.admissions.uga.edu/infosessions.
9. For those interested in getting a head start on your college search, check out the following websites:

www.collegeboard.com

www.nacacnet.com

www.petersons.com

www.princetonreview.com

www.ctcl.com

www.collegesofdistinction.com

www.actstudent.org