



## *Junior Newsletter*

The junior year is exciting and very busy. Juniors should realize they are about to make some decisions that are among the most important of their young lives.

### Website

The counseling website includes information needed for the junior and senior year. Please be familiar with both sections.

### GPA

See the section labeled GPA for information on calculating GPA.

### Internet

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) is the website that should already be very familiar to the juniors. Another site in [www.myroad.com](http://www.myroad.com) and that is available to anyone who took the PSAT. An access code that can be used to register for a password is located in the lower part of the PSAT score report. My Road offers a personality test and a college search feature that can generate multi-page reports for students.

### PSAT

The PSAT will be given Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It is used as the qualifying test for the National Merit scholarship Corporation but it is not used for college admissions. PSAT practice tests are located on the [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) website.

### College Night

College night at the James Brown Arena is September 15, 2016 from 5:00-8:30. Many college representatives will be there.

### Meetings with Juniors

Mrs. Chalker will meet with the junior class members to let them see their transcripts and check them.

### Summer

Go on college visits. Go during the week when classes are in session so you can get a true feel of the college. Arrange your visit with the college and you will have a tour guide who will be able to answer your questions. This is not something you should wait on until you start your senior year.

### College Representative Visits

Juniors will be invited to listen along with the seniors to the talks by college reps who visit Briarwood Academy.

### My Road

[www.myroad.org](http://www.myroad.org) is available to anyone who took the PSAT.

### PSAT

All juniors will take the PSAT. Accounts will be billed by the office. During the junior year the PSAT is used as a qualifier for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

### SAT/ACT Registration

BA juniors are enrolled in the SAT Verbal and Math classes. These classes are valuable tools in improving scores on the SAT/ACT. BA recommends both the SAT and the ACT. Most colleges take both scores. Research your college choices to make sure. BA offers the SAT in October and March. BA students can certainly take the SAT/ACT at any school.

