

From the Counseling Office

Seniors: Use the month of November to complete college applications. Plan to submit all applications, requests for letters of recommendation, and requests for transcripts by December 1. Remember to allow enough time (at least 3 weeks) for teachers and/or counselors to write letters of recommendation or required statements on college recommendation forms. (Students applying Early Action or Early Decision may need to meet an early November application deadline.)

Be aware of application deadlines, and send all information well in advance of the due date. Every item sent as part of your application packet should be clearly marked with your name and an identifier, like your Social Security Number or birth date. If you plan to take the SAT after November 1 or the ACT after December, your scores may not be received by colleges in time for their first application review sessions. If you are planning to take a later SAT or ACT test, contact the college/university admissions office to inform them.

Students, consider these admission tips suggested by the Office of Admissions at Western Washington University. Most four year colleges and universities agree that these are factors that have a positive impact on an admissions decision.

- Full academic load through senior year
- Math through Math Analysis or Calculus
- 3-4 years of the same world language
- 4 years of science, including Chemistry and Physics
- Perseverance in the face of significant hardship
- Potential to contribute to the cultural diversity of the campus community
- Well-written personal statement
- Risk-taking, such as going on an international exchange, demonstrating commitment to beliefs, having sustained involvement in extracurricular activities.

Parents of seniors: High School and Beyond? Other senior related questions? Check the Parents of Seniors link in the Juanita website/Parents. If you can't find the information you are looking for, do not hesitate to contact your student's counselor.

All students: The first quarter ends November 8th. If you have concerns about your achievement level in any subject, contact the teacher and make a plan to revise your work habits for the second quarter. Are you taking advantage of the tutorial (ACT) time? ACT is scheduled every day, except for Wednesday, between 9:40-10:10. Tutorial rotates on a weekly basis by class period. To determine the correct period, please check the weekly bulletin on the JHS website.

Parents! The easiest way to monitor your student's/students' academic progress and attendance is by checking your student's classroom and gradebook information through the Parent Access homepage

<http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/Parent-Access/Pages/default.aspx>

This page will link you to Haiku, Parent Access gradebook, lunch balances, volunteer application, and lots of important district information. If you don't have an account yet, this page contains simple registration instructions.

SAT test dates	Register by	ACT test dates	Register by
11/5	10/7	12/10	11/4
12/3	11/3	2/11	1/13
1/21	12/21		

Students and parents, mark your calendars, College Fair!

On November 2ne Juanita is hosting a College Fair between 6-8 in the Cafeteria. Check the [College fair 206 Flyer](#) (scroll down to the last page of the bulletin) to find out the colleges attending and topics to be covered

Websites worth visiting

http://hscounselorweek.com/current/current_issue_west.html : Articles on every aspect of college attendance

number2.com : Free SAT/ACT practice