

## Junior Chat Follow Up

### I know what classes I'd like to take next year:

- Meet graduation requirements
- Colleges Recommend:
  - Four core classes in your senior year and 2+ years World Language.
  - Exploring your interests! This is the last time you will be able to explore an interest for free— take this opportunity to create a senior schedule that matches your growing mind!

### SAT:

- You will take the SAT on Wednesday, 4/14/26.
- [Khan Academy](#) offers free courses, lessons and plans.
- **A Word About Sending SAT Scores-** You will choose where you want your scores sent to. Choose wisely! You get four **“free score reports.”** After that, each additional sending of your score will be \$12 (per college).

### Research Careers:

- March 5th, Caledonia College Fair\*
- March 6th, Caledonia Career/Business Fair\*
- May 20th, MI Career Quest\* <https://www.micareerquest.org/>

\*See the Counseling Office for more information

- [Michigan's Hot 50 Job Outlook Through 2032](#)
- [College Board's "Big Future: Road Trip Nation"](#)
- **XELLO** log in via PowerSchool
  - Click on “Explore Options” at the top
  - Click on “Careers”
- **Consider other Career Aptitude Assessments**
  - <https://www.123test.com/career-test/>
  - <https://www.mynextmove.org/>

### Research Colleges:

- **College Board's "Big future: [College Search](#)"**
- **XELLO** log in via PowerSchool.
  - Click on “Explore Options” at the top
  - Click on “Explore Schools”
- **Consider a major**
  - [www.mymajors.com](http://www.mymajors.com)

Thank you and we are here to help!

**Research Skilled Trades:**

- In Xello, Skilled Trades Information is at the bottom of the homepage under Links & Resources.
- [Trade School Finder](#)

**Go on a College Visit:**

- Stop by the counseling office for a form that grants you the day off of school to visit your college. You get two a semester.
- Contact the college admissions office to register for specific dates, tours, and events.
- Most schools offer both in person and virtual tours.

**Check out Transfer Info. at GRCC:**

- [This website](#) gives you the opportunity to see which colleges have agreements on the classes they will accept. Good info. For researching dual enrollment!

**Consider the Armed Services:**

- Talk to your counselor about how to contact a recruiter to find out more about what serving in the armed services could do for you!
- Benefits include skills training, life skills, and money for college!

**Go on a Job Shadow:**

- Talk to your counselor about possible opportunities where you can shadow someone in your area of interest.
- Consider a virtual/ remote job shadow– check out the [“Career Chats”](#) and the “Talk and Tour” sections

**Junior Timeline:**

- The counseling office has created a document called the Junior Timeline which has a wealth of resources, information and recommended deadlines. You can find it at [Junior Timeline](#).
  - We will also share a senior timeline with you in the future. You can review the timeline for the Class of 2027 here: [Senior Timeline for Class of 2026](#)

**College applications** will begin in September, ideally completed by November 1, 2026. While some colleges will request information during summer, please know that we won't be able to send out any transcripts or other materials prior to September 1, 2026. Please review these [Letter of Recommendation guidelines](#) as you begin the college application process.