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Dear Parent /Guardian of Juniors,

Junior year is a very exciting time when students and families begin to explore possible college and career opportunities. For planning purposes, I am writing to you to highlight important dates and events that will take place in the coming months.

Juniors will take the PSAT on October 10, 2018. Students received a PSAT Student Guide during an assembly on September 6th. There are extra copies in the guidance office. Students will take the PSAT from 7:45 – 11:15. After the testing period is done, students will go to lunch, from 11:18 – 12:14, and then follow a “A” day schedule with the remaining periods of the day, period 7 and 8, in that order. Students are to bring pencils, calculators (Scientific, Four Function, or Graphing calculators ONLY) and school ID.

The PSAT scores will be mailed home mid-December. Understanding the PSAT performance involves knowing more than the scores. From experience, we recognize that parents might have many questions about their child’s performance; therefore, we encourage you to contact your guidance counselor should you have individual questions.

Later this year, your child should begin thinking about when to take an SAT or ACT exam. The following is the schedule for exam dates this semester:

TEST DATE

March 9, 2019 (SAT 1)
April 13, 2019 (ACT)
May 4, 2019 (SAT I, II)
June 1,2019 (SAT I/II)
June 8, 2019 (ACT)

REGULAR REGISTRATION

February 8, 2019
March 8, 2019
April 5, 2019
May 3, 2019
May 3,2019

Your child can register online at www.collegeboard.com for a SAT I/II exam or www.act.org for an ACT exam.

Counselors are available for **Junior-Planning Conferences** starting second semester to discuss specific plans related to your child’s post high school plans. I strongly encourage your involvement and invite you to call your counselor at (845) 353-7100 to set up a conference.

Before scheduling your individual Junior-Planning Conference, your child should complete several tasks in their Naviance account. To access the account, go to <http://connection.naviance.com/nyack>.

Tasks:

- *My Resume
- *College Search
- *Do What You Are (an interest inventory)

On January 31, 2019, we are hosting a college planning evening for junior parents/guardians and students. During this event, you will hear from Mitchell Lipton, Vice President of Enrollment Services at Cooper Union. It is important that you attend this meeting; a comprehensive overview of the college process will be discussed.

More information can be found on the Guidance and School Counseling Department's page of the District's website: <http://hs.nyackschools.org>

Please call us at any time during this process with questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working with you and your child during this exciting time.

Sincerely,

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