

LADYSMITH HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR CALENDAR 2011-12

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

- **Junior meeting Wednesday, September 7**
- Update your portfolio.
- Make a strong start in the classroom, remembering that this will be your last full school year before you apply to college/work.
- Review your transcript with your counselor paying special attention to course requirements to graduate. See your counselor with any questions. It is your responsibility to make sure you have successfully completed all required courses.
- Consider career choice and elective courses that would best assist you in your future career. Be sure to sign up for these courses during your last 3 semesters at LHS.
- Review the results of the Wisconsin State Assessment which was taken as a sophomore. This can be done during the career counseling session with the counselor.
- Pick up Youth Options form for second semester.
- Sign up for the PSAT test by **September 30**.
- **September 30:** Last day to turn in Youth Options forms for second semester.
- **September 30:** Sign up deadline for the PSAT-sign up in Student Services

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- **October 12:** PSAT test given at LHS. All juniors planning to attend a 4 year college should take this test. Cost is approximately \$14.00. The purpose of this test is to practice for future college pre-admission tests, to inform colleges to send you information, to enter the National Merit Scholarship competitions, and to determine if your reading and math skills are at an appropriate level for college entrance. Sign up in Student Services by **Oct. 1**.
- Individual career counseling session(s) with the counselor begin and extend into 2nd semester. Appointments can be made in Student Services. Parents/guardians should call Ladysmith High School (532-5531, ext 225) for an appointment time.
- If you have not already done so, visit the career lab in Student Services.
- **October 20:** All juniors will take the ASVAB in the cafeteria in the morning. This is the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. It is a great resource for career searches.

JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH

- Continue your strong efforts in the classroom, remembering that your second semester grades will count toward your class rank and GPA, which will be looked at very closely by colleges.
- Representatives from college, vocational, and armed services will be visiting LHS. These visits are announced in the A.M. and posted on the Student Services bulletin board. Visitations should be attended by students interested in these areas. Representatives also visit during lunch times – when you see them in the cafeteria, stop and talk to them.
- Juniors are allotted one College Day with approval from the Guidance Counselor. (Seniors have two college days). These days may be utilized to visit a college or job shadow. Assistance to arrange for job shadowing or college visitation can be obtained from the Guidance Counselor. The proper forms must be completed prior to visit.

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- **ALL JUNIORS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND A 4-YEAR COLLEGE AND CVTC** should register before the **March 9 deadline for the ACT to be given on April 14**. The ACT is a pre-college admission test. By taking this test during the junior year (offered at four different times each year), you have the advantage of getting to know the test and how to improve test scores if you need to retake it during your Senior year. Colleges rely on the scores to determine admission. Scholarships also use scores as an evaluation tool. You can register online at www.act.org or pick up the paper form in Student Services. Our school code is 501-055. LHS offers ACT group study times throughout the year. Students who prepare for this test do better. Pick up an ACT preparation book in Student Services if you registered online.
- **January 24:** ACT Test Prep Session 2nd Hour
- Utilize mid-winter and spring break in February and April for college visits and job shadowing.
- Plan your senior year schedule of courses with attention given to LHS course requirements, total credits, and courses that will be most beneficial to your future career.
- **March 1:** Last day to turn in Youth Option forms for 1st semester of your senior year.

APRIL - MAY

- **April 11th: Junior Presentation: Time TBD**
- SAT, another pre-college admission test, given on May 5. (Most colleges require the ACT rather than the SAT). **Register by April 6, 2011.**
- **Deadline for registration is May 4 for ACT given on June 9. ALL COLLEGE BOUND JUNIORS WHO HAVEN'T YET TAKEN THE ACT SHOULD REGISTER.**
- Review your SAT and/or ACT results, but don't overlook the sub scores, which will help you understand how you performed on the different parts on the tests, and what parts you'll need to work on to improve your total score.
- Schedule a 2nd college planning session, if needed, with the guidance counselor. You may include your parents/guardians.
- If you are planning to attend college or vocational school, it is a good idea to have **all** incompletes on your transcript made up before the end of your Junior year. It would also be wise not to have any incompletes at the end of this semester. **Reason:** You will be applying to your colleges and vocational/technical schools this coming fall. The colleges ask for your grades to date and your rank in class. It doesn't look good to have an incomplete on your record and the incomplete is like an "F" in figuring your grade point average for your three years of school.

SUMMER

- Continue your college search during the summer. Make an appointment for a college visit and tour. Consider part time jobs which will give you first hand experience in the world of work.
- ACT given on June 9.
- Plan to return in the fall ready to complete and mail in college applications in September/October. Apply online. **DO NOT** submit your application without informing us in Student Services. The colleges request an official transcript and letter of recommendation from the guidance counselor. If you submit without informing us, your acceptance may be delayed!