#### Juniors: What should YOU be doing over the summer to prepare for you senior year?

- 1. Create A Chart for All Deadlines- plan out your college application workload.
- 2. Brainstorm Essay Ideas research prompts and sample essays from previous years to get an idea of the types of subjects and themes colleges request. Write some ideas down for future reference or write an outline or first draft of some essay ideas and save to use later.
- 3. Prepare for Standardized Tests- take practice tests, sign up for test prep, or even look into a tutor service.
- 4. Prepare Your Activities List-Make a list of your activities that aren't only the most impressive but are also reflective of who you are as a person.
- 5.Look for Gaps in Your Resume-Your goal is to present yourself as a well-rounded student. If you are lacking in certain areas use the summer to fill those in: volunteer, work part-time, seek out an internship.
- 6. Visit Colleges nothing is more valuable in getting a sense of a school than a campus visit. Visit a wide-range of campus options but remember the on-campus vibe will be much different in the summer months. Admissions counselors will be available to answer all your questions and give you a tour.
- 7. Investigate Financial Aid- even if you think your family earns too much to qualify, you should still complete the FAFSA annually. \*information from www.collegecovered.com

\*Click the links below for more information\*

## **Forward Thinking**

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# <u>Huron HS Scholarship Database</u>

Scholarships are added and updated constantly. Check this often!

### **Upcoming Campus Visit Dates**

- Northern State University: schedule a tour
- University of South Dakota: schedule a tour; September 29
- South Dakota State University: schedule a tour; July 17; August 4
- Dakota State University: Discover DSU Days- June 16; July 21
- Dakota Wesleyan University: schedule a tour
- Black Hills State University: schedule a tour; June 16, July 21
- Augustana University: summer visit days- July 14, 28; August 4.
- School of Mines & Technology University: Go to Mines Open House-June 9, July 22, October 21' November 4
- University of Sioux Falls: Schedule a tour
- Mount Marty University: Schedule a tour
- Southeast Technical College: schedule a tour
- Lake Area Technical College: schedule a tour
- Mitchell Technical College: Exploration Day schedule a tour; July 20
- Western Dakota Technical College: schedule a tour/group dates TBD To register, go the University website and select the event and date that works for you.

- June 10: register by May 19
  - this will have an additional late fee

**NEXT ACT tests:** 

July 15: register by June 16

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