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# **CHECKLIST FOR YOUR CAREER AT NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL**



# NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL

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## *How to Make the Most of Your **Freshman** Year*



### **Fall, Winter, Spring**

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- Meet new people: join clubs, organizations, and/or sports – **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL!**
- Check your grades on ProgressBook! Parents and Students have their own log-in and password. Contact Mrs. Krofft at 937-676-2002 ext. 1018 for your account information.
- Be sure to ask your teachers or guidance counselor if you need help with anything.
- Academics are important to your success! Make sure you get off to a GREAT start the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of your freshman year! It counts towards your Cumulative GPA!!
- Keep a list of any sports, awards, clubs, organizations, jobs, and/or volunteer work you have participated in because this will help to complete your Resume later in high school.
- Meet with guidance counselor/principal in the Spring to discuss your future, make a plan, and schedule for your sophomore year.

*“The Secret to getting ahead is getting started.”*  
- Mark Twain

*“Needing help doesn’t have a look, but asking for it always looks beautiful.”*  
- Brittany Burgunder

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## *How to Make the Most of Your **Sophomore** Year*



### **Fall (September – November)**

- Join a new club/organization or sport! Continue to get involved and STAY involved!
- Get off to a Great start academically to solidify your GPA!
- Attend the Upper Valley Career Center Exploration Meeting at Newton in November to see if a vocational path is right for you.

### **Winter (December - February)**

- Continue to build and add to your resume (clubs, activities, volunteer, etc.) and focus on overall learning and earning quality grades for your Cumulative GPA.
- Make test prep plan for the ACT tests (see ACT on our guidance page for more information).
- Meet with the guidance counselor/principal in Jan/March to plan your schedule for your Junior year and update your plan for the future.
- Attend the mandatory CCP (College Credit Plus) meeting in February to learn about program requirements and see if these classes are right for you.
- See if you qualify for National Honor Society, if so application will be available to complete and return starting in January and ending in early February. The ceremony will take place at the end of February.

### **Spring (March - May)**

- Finish up the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester strong!
- Confirm with the guidance counselor/principal your finalized schedule for your Junior year!

*“Asking for help is never a sign of weakness. It’s one of the bravest things you can do.”*

*- Lily Collins*

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## *How to Make the Most of Your **Junior** Year*



### **Fall (September – November)**

- Join a new club/organization or sport! Continue to get involved and STAY involved!
- Start your Junior year off by registering for and taking the ACT.
- Explore colleges online and in person.
- Narrow your college list to 10-20 schools that interest you.
- Create an organizational system for all of your college documents, test scores, volunteer hours, etc....

### **Winter (December - February)**

- Continue to build and add to your resume (clubs, activities, volunteer, etc.) and focus on overall learning and earning quality grades for your Cumulative GPA.
- Make test prep plan for the ACT tests (see ACT on our guidance page for more information).
- Start your search for college scholarships (check out the local and extended scholarships on our guidance page and research scholarships at the colleges you are interested attending).
- Refine your choices of colleges by comparing and contrasting schools, scholarships at those schools, and attend job fairs as well.
- Meet with the guidance counselor/principal in Jan/March to plan your schedule for your Senior year and update your plan for the future. Build a strong Senior schedule to prepare for college.
- Attend the mandatory CCP (College Credit Plus) meeting in February to learn about program requirements and see if these classes are right for you.

### **Spring (March - May)**

- Consider taking or retaking the ACT test. If so, start practicing in the Spring and into the Summer!!
- Confirm with the guidance counselor/principal your finalized schedule for your Senior year!
- Request a recommendation letter from a teacher/employer/coach to be ready for college applications in the fall. Provide them with your resume so they can “talk you up!”
- Continue to educate yourself about college admission requirements. Contact prospective colleges to schedule interviews and visits.

### **Summer (June - August)**

- Begin working on college application essay. Narrow your college list down to 10 and schedule summer college visits.
- Continue to educate yourself about college admission requirements. Contact prospective colleges to schedule interviews and visits.
- Develop a financial aid plan with your parents for college.

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## *How to Make the Most of Your Senior Year*



### **Fall (September – November)**

- Narrow your college list to 5 schools. Ensure they meet your needs for the plan you have developed.
- Explore the selected colleges, fill out and complete college applications before deadlines!
- Check our guidance page for scholarships, FAFSA, etc.
- Organize your recommendation letters and prepare them to be dispersed.
- Explore the selected colleges financial aid requirements to plan your college budget
- Register for required tests, last year to take ACT!
- Continue to be involved in extra-curricular activities and maintain those grades!

### **Winter (December - February)**

- Complete your FAFSA so you can get possible financial aid for college: FAFSA is FREE and becomes available on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (Further instructions can be found on our guidance page).
- Continue to hunt for scholarships, especially those offered at the colleges you are applying and for ALL of the local scholarships (Further information can be found on our guidance page).
- Check the Newton Guidance page frequently for new, active, and due scholarships.
- Visit colleges and speak with admissions representatives (double check on scholarships, financial aid packages, and other admission requirements).

### **Spring (March - May)**

- Once you have received responses from colleges, make your final decision!!
- Verify you financial aid at each college before making your final decision!!
- Request your final transcript be sent to the college you will attend. You will be asked to confirm this at graduation practice ceremony!
- Attend the awards ceremony (to receive your awards and scholarships), graduation practice, and graduation in May!

### **Summer (June - August)**

- Attend your college's summer orientation and get familiar with the campus before school starts. Apply for student housing if necessary.
- Figure out which athletics, clubs, sororities, and/or fraternities that interest you on campus!

*Never Forget: You will always be a NEWTON INDIAN, best of luck in all of your future endeavors, and we hope to see you back in Pleasant Hill to help continue to build on our great community!*