



## JUNIOR YEAR

- Continue to represent your State, region and national team.
- Continue playing club and have a player bio ready for tournaments.
- Repeat/take your SAT/ACT and improve your scores.
- Your goal is to try and make the Regional ODP team.
- Select a college camp based on one of your top 5 choices.
- Don't let your grades slip - top 10% of your class.
- Register with the NCAA Clearing House: Website is [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- Request that your transcripts are sent out to schools.
- Review academic plan for Junior year
- Develop more selective college contact list-begin writing to colleges & coaches
- Explore opportunities for college / high school joint enrollment credit
- Visit College Nights / College Fairs
- Verify SAT registration deadline with counselor
- Get Letters of Recommendation/References
- Organize your personal portfolio
- Visit local colleges of different types & sizes
- Explore possibility of enrolling in AP courses during senior year for college credit
- Develop your preferred college list (Coach can/should help)
- Review admission applications questions & concerns with counselors
- What do you want to do when you get older? You will need to look at the universities/colleges that offer degrees in those areas.
- Research the school on [www.soccerbuzz.com](http://www.soccerbuzz.com). You will find information on the schools ranking when it comes to recruits, the number of freshman that will be attending that school the upcoming year, where the players are from, etc... This is important information because you can find out in the school recruits players from outside their state/region or do they have a big recruiting class going to the school the year before you get there (this could affect the amount of money the school may have and affect your potential for playing time, etc..).
- Your junior year you can communicate with the coach via email and call them and talk to them on the phone. But only if you call them! Come July 1<sup>st</sup> (before your senior year) coaches can begin calling players and talking to them about scholarship money, arranging official visits, basically recruiting players.
- Don't be rushed into decisions. College coaches "play the game" to some extent so don't be forced into making a decision (obviously if somewhere feels like the perfect fit then fine). They need to get the best players they can for the least amount of money possible. Be persistent when offers are made - don't necessarily accept the first offer made. Players need to learn to also "play the game" a bit as well.