## The Top

CJHS Counseling Office www.cjr1.org/hscounseling

Here are the "Top 3" items we want you to know for the beginning of October.

1) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - The FAFSA opens on October 1 for the 2021-22 academic year! Some financial aid programs have limited funds and are "first come, first served," so any senior attending a postsecondary institution should apply as soon as possible at <u>http://fafsa.ed.gov</u> after October 1. Seniors may call the Educational Opportunity Center at 866-822-1362 to set up a virtual meeting (Zoom or phone appointment) to help complete the FAFSA. More information can be found on our website.

2) **PSAT** - The PSAT will be offered at CJHS on October 14 to interested sophomores and juniors. This exam is optional, and juniors who take the test may be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Sophomores who wish to be considered for the Missouri Scholars Academy should also take this test. The fee is \$17, and registration is September 28 - October 2 in the counseling office.

3) ASVAB - As part of the college and career readiness requirement for graduation, the ASVAB will be given to all juniors over a span of three days: October 2, October 6, and November 10. Students will be notified of their assigned test day and should arrive in the high school commons on that day at 8:00 a.m. The test will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m.

COLLEGE TIP - A campus visit is your opportunity to get a firsthand view of a college. Many colleges are still offering on-campus visits or virtual visits. Click below for links or go to your perspective college's website and search for "visits."

