

Preparing for the Future

11th Grade:

- Ask God to direct you!
- Read! Read! It increases your vocabulary.
- Set goals for yourself and continue forming good study habits
- Focus on your schoolwork -you are at a wonderful school that will prepare you not only for college but for the future
- Get involved. Try out choir or theater. Look for leadership opportunities at church or in the community
- Continue writing down activities, organizations, volunteer work you are involved in, and the hours you have spent on it
- Continue writing down the awards you have received Resume Planning Sheet
- Continue exploring different career ideas. List your interests, talents, and favorite activities and start matching them up with occupations. <u>College Planning Sheet</u>
- Consider taking an aptitude test.
 - o AIMS Dallas
 - YouScience
- Build good credit open and checking and savings account
- Questions to Ask About Financing College
- Check out Net Price Calculators Google "XYZ School Net Price Calculator"
- Plan to take the PSAT in October
- College Prep Class at school
- Take the SAT/ACT decide which one you want to focus on and study
- Reality Check Compares 2020 & 2022 Fall Updates
 - This sheet compares the SAT & ACT range from 2020 to 2022. You'll see that the average college has increased its test score ranges. In short, making many institutions a little more competitive since Covid hit.
- Continue preparing for the SAT/ACT. Additional SAT/ACT Test Prep Resources
 - SAT/ACT Practice Books 10 minutes a day <u>SAT Question of the Day</u>
 - SAT/ACT Practice/Study Tools on Apps
 - Increase Vocabulary
 - Khan Academy How to Link Khan Academy with College Board

- AP classes
- Start deciding on final choices COLLEGE VISITS and get on your top college mailing lists. This is for you to experience this school, but also so they know you are seriously interested. <u>College Search Engines</u> and <u>Questions to Ask when you visit</u>, <u>Best</u> <u>Questions to Ask on a Visit</u>, <u>Campus Visit Checklist</u>
- Another possible option Gap Year/Internship Programs
- Spend time looking at degree plans.

Spring - Ask teachers for letters of recommendation Summer -

- Work on applications
- Essays
 - Show the deeper side of you- what has not already been covered in the application.
 - Show off writing skills
 - Quickly engage, Make yourself memorable
- Letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches, pastors
- All pieces of the application for early admittance usually due November 1
- Summer Activities
- Other College Resources on our website
- CLEP Testing

Recommended Reading:

Age of Opportunity: A Biblical Guide to Parenting Teens - Paul Tripp
The College Advising Handbook for Parents and Administrators - Dr. Larry Stephenson
The Case for Classical Christian Education - Douglas Wilson
The Organized Student: Teaching Children the Skills for Success in School and Beyond - Donna
Goldberg