

11TH GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING

JANUARY
&
FEBRUARY

- REVIEW YOUR ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND GPA WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.
- START RESEARCHING COLLEGES THAT FIT YOUR INTERESTS AND CAREER GOALS.
- BEGIN PREPARING FOR THE SAT/ACT BY REVIEWING STUDY MATERIALS AND SCHEDULING TEST DATES.
- ATTEND COLLEGE FAIRS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS.
- CONTINUE REFINING YOUR COLLEGE LIST BASED ON RESEARCH.
- DISCUSS POTENTIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS OR INTERNSHIPS WITH YOUR COUNSELOR.

MARCH
&
APRIL

- START DRAFTING A RESUME OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.
- RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.
- TAKE THE SAT OR ACT (IF SCHEDULED).
- CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN STRONG GRADES IN ALL SUBJECTS.

MAY
&
JUNE

- REVIEW AND FINALIZE YOUR COLLEGE LIST; AIM FOR 5-10 SCHOOLS.
- DISCUSS SUMMER PLANS WITH YOUR FAMILY, INCLUDING JOBS OR VOLUNTEER WORK THAT CAN ENHANCE YOUR RESUME.
- EXPLORE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES FOR SENIOR YEAR IF AVAILABLE.
- CONSIDER TAKING SUMMER CLASSES OR ATTENDING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS RELATED TO YOUR INTERESTS.
- BEGIN DRAFTING COLLEGE ESSAYS OR PERSONAL STATEMENTS.
- START GATHERING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS OR MENTORS.

JULY
&
AUGUST

- ATTEND INFORMATION SESSIONS.
- FINALIZE YOUR RESUME AND PERSONAL STATEMENT DRAFTS.
- RESEARCH FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS AND PREPARE TO FILL OUT THE FAFSA NEXT YEAR.
- REGISTER FOR THE SAT/ACT IF YOU PLAN TO TAKE IT AGAIN IN THE FALL.
- MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS SENIOR YEAR COURSE SELECTIONS AND COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.
- CONTINUE REFINING YOUR COLLEGE LIST BASED ON VISITS AND RESEARCH.

SEPTEMBER
&
OCTOBER

- BEGIN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS; CHECK DEADLINES REGULARLY.
- ATTEND COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS AT SCHOOL OR ONLINE.
- START WORKING ON APPLICATION ESSAYS TAILORED TO SPECIFIC COLLEGES.
- TAKE THE SAT/ACT IF YOU HAVEN'T YET THIS YEAR (CHECK SPECIFIC DATES).
- FINALIZE YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS; ENSURE ALL MATERIALS ARE READY FOR SUBMISSION.
- CONTINUE MEETING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS ANY LAST-MINUTE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT APPLICATIONS.

NOVEMBER
&
DECEMBER

- SUBMIT EARLY DECISION/EARLY ACTION APPLICATIONS IF APPLICABLE.
- KEEP TRACK OF APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR REGULAR DECISION SCHOOLS.
- FOLLOW UP WITH RECOMMENDERS TO ENSURE LETTERS ARE SUBMITTED ON TIME.
- REVIEW FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS; START PREPARING DOCUMENTS FOR FAFSA COMPLETION IN JANUARY.
- REFLECT ON THE YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLAN ANY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR SENIOR YEAR BASED ON FEEDBACK FROM APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED.

