



Planning for College Ninth Grade

- Seek God's plan for your life through prayer as you begin your high school years.
- Welcome to high school. There are many differences between middle and high school – you earn credit for a class instead of being promoted, grades are cumulative instead of only applying to one year; grades from 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade are all reported on a transcript and all grades are calculated to determine the GPA (grade point average.)
- Talk with your parents and the guidance counselor to review your plans for high school.
- Make sure your course selections are preparing you for the college of your choice. Every college is different in what they are looking for in their students. The most selective colleges and universities are looking for students who have taken the most challenging program, not just meeting the graduation requirements.
- Your performance in High School can play an important part in gaining admission to college. Every grade you earn from the beginning of 9th counts when applying to college. Develop good study habits and skills to help you earn the best grade possible.
- Develop the habit of reading whether it is books, newspapers or magazines. This exposure will improve your vocabulary and language skills which will help with future PSAT, SAT, and ACT scores.
- Plan a meaningful summer activity. Community service may help you get into the college of your choice and receive scholarships for college.
- Get involved at school. Extra-curricular activities, Student Council, Athletics, all will help when you are applying to colleges and for scholarships.
- It is not too early to consider scholarships; some are available even in ninth grade.