



Planning for College Eleventh Grade

- Seek God's wisdom for this important year as you make many decisions during the year.
- Retake the PSAT in October. Prepare for the test by taking a practice test (packets are available in the guidance office).
- Take the ASVAB (Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery) and explore available careers and what education is needed for that career.
- Start compiling a list of colleges you want to consider. Gather information from those colleges. Contact colleges if you want specific information about areas of special interest.
- Attend all available college fairs. Consider participating in College for a weekend or scheduling a college visit.
- Take the SAT and ACT in the spring of your junior year. Prepare for these tests by taking a Prep class, tutoring or answering practice questions available on the SAT web site.
- Review your course selections carefully make sure your plans for high school will align with your plans for college.
- Consider taking courses out of your comfort zone; you may find something you enjoy that you never thought you would.
- Finish strong, even if you had a rough 9th or 10th grade year, your last two years can overcome a weak start.
- 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.

During the summer after Eleventh Grade:

- Schedule college visits and find out when preview weekends are scheduled.
- Consider an Academic Summer camp, a summer college program or an internship to explore career options.
- Get a job and begin saving money for college. Many employers provide bonus money or scholarships for employees to attend college.