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## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade College/Career Planning Checklist

- **Continue your involvement inside and outside of the classroom.**

If you haven't found something that you enjoy, keep looking. If you have, think about taking on a leadership role to deepen your involvement. Take time to take stock of how you're doing balancing academic and extracurricular activities—if you don't have time in the day to do everything thoughtfully, think about paring down your activities to ensure that academics are your main priority and you have time to rest and rejuvenate.

- **Take the PSAT in October.**

This test is used to qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship competition so ensure you take this seriously. It is important to note, however, that colleges will not look at your PSAT score when applying for admission. After you take the test, review your results and use Khan Academy to prepare for your next PSAT in the fall of junior year. Take time to familiarize yourself with your results and practice exercises to better prepare for your first official SAT/ACT (in the spring of junior year).

- **Begin local college visits.**

Visiting a college campus is one of the best ways to get a feel for what you do and don't want in a college. If you're already planning a vacation, take some extra time to visit colleges in the area. Walk around campus and visit places like the student center, residence halls, library and around the local town. After your visit, make sure to take notes of your impressions (see our College Visit Worksheet under the "resources" tab on the LCS website).

- **Work with your advising teacher to plan your junior year schedule.**

Think about your academic strengths and how you might capitalize on those by challenging yourself with particular classes. Ask your advisor, Dr. Wernet, Mrs. Lohman, and other teachers for recommendations on specific courses. Make sure to check into any prerequisites for advanced level junior and senior year courses.

- **Use the advising time well.**

Use the material given during whole grade level info sessions and individual meetings with your advisor to inform your current and future plans. The more you invest in this time, the more we hope you learn what your unique purpose is in God's story.

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- **Attend college and career fairs.**

Fairs often take place in the local area and college admissions representatives attend to answer questions and provide helpful information regarding their institution. Don't be shy—ask thoughtful questions and sign up for their mailing list. The admissions officer at the fair is also likely to be the person who reviews your application for admission when you apply, so it's a great way to put a face to the name on your application and make a personal connection.

- **Save for college.**

It's never too early, or too late, to start putting away money for college. Talk to your parents about saving for college now.

- **Continue to make good use of your summer.**

Look for opportunities that compliment your academic area of interest (e.g. job shadowing, internship, courses, or research) or pursue extracurricular activities in more depth (e.g. volunteering, music, art, etc.) to show a college that you're productive and engaged.

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