

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST



GRADES 9-10

- ☐ Get involved in your community (church, volunteer, school activities)
- ☐ Focus on college prep curriculum and develop good study habits
- ☐ Choose electives that meet graduation requirements and allow you to explore career interests
- ☐ Take the PSAT 8/9 (Grade 9) and the PSAT/NMSQT (Grade 10) in October
- ☐ Get to know your counselors
- ☐ Complete career assessments with your college counselor (Grade 10)

GRADE 11

- ☐ Continue good study habits and work with your college counselor to strategize classes that match your career and college interests
- ☐ Evaluate your community involvement to keep the activities you enjoy most and pivot to others if needed
- ☐ Deepen your commitment to your favorite community activities, seeking leadership positions as appropriate
- ☐ Meet with college admission officers when they visit CCS in the fall to learn about your college options and determine which campuses you would like to visit
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October
- ☐ Schedule college visits (note that students are required to visit two colleges in the spring semester for Junior Seminar)
- ☐ Attend college fairs (Christian College Fair in the fall and NACAC National College Fair in the spring)
- ☐ Talk with your college counselor about your SAT and ACT testing plan
- ☐ Meet with your college counselor in the spring to discuss your letter of recommendation
- ☐ Ask 1-2 teachers to write a letter of recommendation for you in the spring
- ☐ Complete a draft of your activities resume and your application essay in Junior Seminar
- ☐ Finalize the list of colleges you'll apply to, being sure to include every possible type of college that might be of interest

GRADE 12

- ☐ Attend College Application Kick-off with the college counselors in August
- ☐ Meet with college admission officers when they visit CCS in the fall to demonstrate your interest and get application questions answered
- ☐ Attend the Christian College Fair in the fall
- ☐ Finalize your test-optional strategy with your college counselor, and send scores to colleges if needed
- ☐ Complete college applications with the help of your college counselor as needed
- ☐ Work with your college counselor and the CCS Writing Center as needed to finalize your application essay and supplemental responses
- ☐ Use Scoir to request supporting documents be sent to your colleges
- ☐ Complete the Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR) if required by your colleges
- ☐ Set up and monitor your applicant portals after submitting admission applications
- ☐ Attend admitted student events on college campuses in the spring to help you make your final decision
- ☐ Optional: parents complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and students complete scholarship applications
- ☐ Pray as a family for discernment throughout the application process

PARENT PROGRAMS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Rising Grade 9 Parent Night (January)

GRADE 9

- Grade 9 Parent Orientation (August)
- Freshman Walk (August)
- Freshman Seminar (August and September in WIN Lab)

GRADE 10

- Grade 10 College Planning Parent Night (January)

GRADE 11

- Grade 11 College Planning Parent Night (September)
- Financial Aid Information Night (October)

GRADE 12

- Grade 12 College Planning Parent Night (August)
- Financial Aid Information Night (October)
- Transition to College Parent Night (April)
- Senior Walk (April)
- College T-Shirt Picture (April)

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