Bishop Verot High School
College Planning Checklist

9th Grade

- ❑ Earn good grades - start high school with a strong GPA
- ❑ Complete a 4 Year Plan
- ❑ Begin your resume in Naviance and update it yearly
- ❑ Get involved in clubs and sports at school
- ❑ Look for opportunities for leadership
- ❑ Be mindful of the top 3 things colleges look at: Strength of Schedule, GPA, Test Scores
- ❑ Use your PSAT results to plan for improvements
- ❑ Consider your personal theme or brand and choose volunteer opportunities and extracurriculars to support this

10th Grade

- ❑ Continue with everything on the 9th grade list
- ❑ Update your 4 Year Plan and Resume
- ❑ Use Supermatch and Scattergrams to explore colleges in Naviance
- ❑ Consider taking a practice SAT, ACT, and CLT to see which one you prefer
- ❑ Create a SSAR account and enter your transcript details
- ❑ Use the summer for enrichment opportunities that can enhance your application in alignment with your personal theme/brand.

11th Grade

- ❑ Continue with everything on the 9th and 10th grade lists
- ❑ Maintain academic momentum with your class schedule
- ❑ Make sure you are on track with all necessary credits to graduate including fine arts and personal fitness/health
- ❑ Network with College Reps at the College Fair in September
- ❑ Decide which exam is the best fit for you: ACT, SAT, CLT
- ❑ Study for the ACT,SAT, CLT and consider tutoring if needed
- ❑ Aim to achieve your best ACT, SAT, CLT score by the end of the summer before Senior year
- ❑ Add colleges to your "I'm Thinking About" list in Naviance
- ❑ Set up your CommonApp account and load in all the demographic information
- ❑ Schedule College Tours (be sure to register to show demonstrated interest)
- ❑ Start brainstorming ideas for your college essay/write draft
- ❑ Use the summer to get a job, attend a summer program at a university, or volunteer in the community in alignment with your personal theme/brand.

12th Grade

- ❑ Continue with everything on the previous lists
- ❑ Beginning August 1: Start working in CommonApp
- ❑ Ask teachers to write letters of recommendation if needed
- ❑ Link Naviance to CommonApp and waive FERPA rights
- ❑ Set deadlines in CommonApp
- ❑ Consider doing non-binding Early Action for as many schools as offer it (unless you do not yet meet minimum standards of GPA and test scores)
- ❑ Develop a college list with reach, match, and safety schools
- ❑ Take ACT, SAT, CLT again in September/October if still needed
- ❑ Know what it takes to earn Bright Futures
- ❑ Request transcripts to be sent via Naviance or link SSAR
- ❑ Pay attention to checklists in application portals
- ❑ Research scholarship opportunities and meet deadlines
- ❑ Consider visiting colleges again to help you make your decision of where to attend
- ❑ Apply for Financial Aid