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'Steps to Your Future'
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As we move into February, I realize how quickly time is going. Do you realize you have 10 weeks of school left? Time is going to fly. What do you feel you need to get done in those weeks?

So, this newsletter is some quick advice for students in the various grade levels. PLEASE, feel free to reach out to me. I have advice, forms and resources I would be more than happy to share with you. *Mari Jo*

Seniors To Do:

- Use your calendar daily. Do some long-term planning for the next month, six months, year, and five years, etc. Make goals and chart your progress.
- Be sure to check your e-mails from colleges and education programs. There may be information about financial aid as well.
- Plan on doing a virtual tour of the colleges or schools you are really interested in. If you have a number of schools interested in you, compare them. Contact their student government office and ask questions about why you should go there. (I have a list of important questions to ask, e-mail me!!!)
- Check your transcript for any problems...grades and courses documented correctly, etc.
- Collect Letters of Recommendation. This are very important no matter what you do in the future.

Juniors To Do:

- Explore careers, colleges and educational programs. The good news is you have more time to explore. Ask your friends where they are going to school and look at the websites.
- Organized is the key to success. Try different ways to organize and decide what works for you. Do you need to have a white board to list your To Do List, a day planner, a system in your phone, etc.?
- Learn something new and keep a journal about it. This will be very valuable when you are asked, "What did you do during the pandemic?"
- Also reach out to others and see how they are doing. This will help you and the person you reach out to.

Sophomores and Freshman To Do:

- Get organized. Keep each class in its own folder. Find phone apps that work for you.
- Create a High School Plan. Know what classes you need to take each year. Find interesting classes to expand your horizons.
- Review future class options. Talk with your school about the possibilities. Are there classes at a local high school you want to take? Are you thinking about Middle College? Now is the time to be looking into these programs.
- Write a list of careers you think would be interesting, then research them.
- Are you bored, sad, tired all the time? Find a way to help someone and keep a journal about it.
- If at all possible, get involved in some activity that provides you with exercise and being away from your computer.
- Ask your parents, grandparents, friends and others about their jobs. Ask how they got the job? Do they like the job? What did they want to be when they were in high school? What advice would they give you about future careers?

I am hoping Steps to Your Future is helping you as a student and parents. We would appreciate hearing back from you to let us know if this is helpful. Also tell me what is concerning to you right now. Lastly, I have information on study skills, organizing, long term planning and more. Let me know if there is something you would like information about. Contact me at future.inc1@gmail.com. Have a great week. *Mari Jo*