College Advising - 10th Grade To Do List
Further Discovery and Development

Interests and Activities

- Refine how you want to spend your time: service, clubs, hobbies, sports, curiosities, etc.
- Focus on or deepen activities that genuinely matter to you
- Look for opportunities for increased responsibility or leadership
- Fulfill community service hours
- Take career and personality assessments in advisory in partnership with College Advising
- Add findings of career/personality assessments to Brag Bank for future use
- Consider how interests inside and outside of school might connect to possible careers or fields of study

College Exploration

- Ask questions at College Advising 9th/10th office hours
- Attend or watch recording of College Advising's Guide to College Financing webinar
- Attend College Advising 9th and 10th grade overview webinar in February
- If you are a recruited athlete or planning college visits, reach out to College Advising for more information
- Informally research different types of colleges
- Identify factors that matter to you: size, location, academics, campus culture, cost, athletics, etc.
- Visit colleges when opportunities arise but don't feel pressure to have a college list yet
- Attend college fairs and information sessions in the Seattle area
- Talk with current college students and alumni when possible

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Academic

- Ask questions about 11th grade course selection at College Advising office hours
- Understand how course difficulty may factor into college admission
- In general, choose the hardest classes you can do well in
- Continue strengthening study and time-management skills
- Seek additional support when needed

Rising Junior Summer

- Pursue a meaningful experience (including local ones here in Seattle!) aligned with interests
- Consider a job, internship, academic program, service, research or personal project
- Start keeping a résumé/activity record
- Read broadly and maintain academic skills

Testing

- Don't over-invest in test preparation before understanding your needs
- Register for AP exams at SAAS especially you have time to prepare independently and if planning to apply to international universities
- Take virtual SAT or ACT practice test organized through SAAS (optional)
- Attend or watch recording of College Advising's Guide to Standardized Testing
- Take PSAT 10 in March (optional)
- Review scores at College Advising office hours
- Determine whether (or if) to take SAT or ACT in the future
- Discuss testing accommodations if applicable