10TH Grade College Planning CHECKLIST

***MANDATORY* (Please enter these dates into your family calendar.)**

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✓	DATE	EVENT/TASK
	AUGUST	• **August 9th:** High School Back-to-School Night • **August 31st:** deadline to add/drop a course
	SEPTEMBER	• **September 21st**: College Dress Day • **September 22nd:** Christian College Fair • *Create or update profile on Cialfo (DSA.Cialfo.co) and work on grade level tasks.* • *Update X2vol account (input volunteer hours).*
	OCTOBER	• ***October 13th:** 9th/10th Student & Parent College Night at 5:30 in the Art Lab (7pm, Test Prep Info 6:30) • **October 21st:** Financial Aid Webinar • **October TBD:** College Visit • *Work on time management and study skills!* • *Work on volunteer hours.*
	NOVEMBER	• **TBD:** 1-on-1 Check-in Meeting with Mrs. Warner
	DECEMBER	• **December 7th:** College Dress Day
	JANUARY	• *Continue working on completing community service graduation requirements. All hours must be your X2vol account.*
	FEBRUARY	• **February 22nd:** College Dress Day
	MARCH	• ***March 8th:** PreACT • **TBD:** Schedule Junior year classes
	MAY	• **May 3rd:** AP Test – Human Geography • **May 11th:** College Dress Day • *Strive to complete 50% or more of community service*

		requirements (update X2vol account).
	SUMMER	● *Begin ACT/SAT test preparation.* ● *Research colleges through Cialfo.* ● *Visit colleges.* ● *Strive to complete 50% or more of community service requirements (update X2vol account).*

General Tips

Additional guidance by semester, to complement the dated items above — 10th Grade

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Fall Semester

Academics

- ☐ Continue building a strong GPA in increasingly rigorous coursework — your transcript is taking shape.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to confirm you're on track with your graduation plan — worth revisiting periodically as your interests develop.

Testing

- ☐ Take the PreACT in March at school.
- ☐ Begin taking practice SAT/ACT tests to begin preparing for Junior year tests.

Extracurriculars & Leadership

- ☐ Deepen involvement in one or two activities rather than spreading thin, and look for early leadership opportunities (officer role, team captain, project lead).
- ☐ Keep updating your activities, awards, and volunteer-hours record.

Student-Athletes

- ☐ If you're pursuing NCAA Division I or II athletics, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and confirm your courses are NCAA-approved core courses.

Spring Semester

Academic & Career Exploration

- ☐ Take a career interest assessment if you haven't already, and start narrowing in on possible fields of study.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to plan 11th grade courses, including AP and any dual-credit options.

Early College Exploration

- ☐ Start noticing what appeals to you when you hear about different colleges — size, location, programs. No formal list needed yet.
- ☐ Attend a college fair or take a virtual campus tour if one is available.

Financial Awareness

- ☐ Start a basic family conversation about what college costs and how you plan to approach saving and paying for it — no numbers required yet, just early awareness.

Digital Footprint

- ☐ Do a quick check of your social media accounts and think about how they'd look to a teacher, coach, or future admissions reader.

Summer Planning

- ☐ Look into summer programs, academic camps, or a job/volunteer role tied to your interests — consider one that lets you explore a possible major.