



# College Planning Checklist for Juniors

Junior year is your opportunity to rise with focus—strengthen your academics, take ownership of your college search, and trust that God is guiding each step of the journey.

## FALL (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- Update résumé on Scoir with all honors, clubs, organizations, sports, and summer experiences.
- Seek leadership opportunities by running for office in a club or honor society.
- Attend the Christian College Fair to learn what different colleges offer and attend college visits.
- Prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT in mid-October and enroll in the College Board's BigFuture program for helpful college planning resources.
- Create your testing plan and register for the SAT/ACT if you have completed or are in Algebra 2.
- Bring your parents to the College Planning Night for Rising Seniors.

## WINTER (DECEMBER–FEBRUARY)

- Attend college fairs and information sessions to expand your knowledge of prospective schools.
- Attend the Curriculum Night and College Planning Meeting for underclassmen with your parents if you need a refresher.
- Meet with your counselor to carefully craft your résumé and develop your college list, preparing for the Spring College Application Planning meeting with the Senior Counselor.
- Review eligibility guidelines for the Bright Futures Scholarship and make sure you are on track.

## SPRING (MARCH–MAY)

- Schedule a meeting for you and parents to create your individualized college application plan.
- Take the School Day SAT and/or ACT and continue testing on Saturdays until goal is met.
- Finalize résumé with 11th-grade counselor before College Planning Meeting with senior counselor.
- Decide on an essay prompt and write your college essay. Have your English teacher review it.
- Open your Common Application account and get familiar with all of the sections.
- Enroll in ACT or SAT prep courses to prepare for standardized tests in June, July & August.

## SUMMER (JUNE–AUGUST)

- Research specific requirements for scholarships that are a fit for you.
- Gain work experience through a part-time job, volunteer role, or internship in a field of interest.
- Take both on-campus and virtual tours of colleges you are considering.
- Have two or more editors besides your English teacher review your college résumé and essay.
- Consider one-on-one SAT/ACT tutoring to prepare for the last rounds of standardized testing in the summer and early fall.
- Take the June SAT/ACT and the July ACT and/or August SAT
- Add colleges to which you are applying to your Common App to see if there are additional supplemental questions to answer.
- Come to school ready to apply to college!