10th Grade Checklist

Fall (September – November)
☐ Evaluate your course load and make sure you are meeting the ‘A-G’ requirements.
☐ Review your transcript and understand the difference between your weighted and unweighted GPA.
☐ Increase your commitment to extracurricular activities so you stand out on your college applications.
☐ Create a college calendar to keep track of important dates and deadlines.
☐ Become familiar with college planning and the admissions process so you’ll know what to expect before college.
☐ Register for and take the PSAT and/or ACT Practice tests. Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests.
☐ Added College Rep visits on campus/virtual.

Winter (December – February)
☐ Create your standardized testing plan and take the tests you’re ready for.
☐ Discover unique ways on how to organize your college prep activities.
☐ Start your college essay prep by writing often now, so you can reap the benefits later.
☐ Capitalize on college planning resources and learn more about colleges and universities.
☐ Take a career assessment to see if your interests align with your potential college major.

Spring (March – June)
☐ Consult with your counselor to make sure you’re prepped for your junior year classes.
☐ Expand your knowledge about prospective schools by attending college fairs and information sessions.
☐ Prepare for your AP Exams (if taking one).
☐ Find volunteer activities that are good for you and your career interests.
☐ Consider summer school courses if any of your classes need to be remediated.

Summer
☐ Talk with your family about creating a college budget.
☐ Millions of dollars in scholarships goes unclaimed every year. Start researching the various scholarships available.
☐ Enroll in an ACT or SAT prep class over the summer while you have free time. Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.
☐ Visit college campuses to see which types of schools’ appeal to you.
☐ Continue updating your journal with awards, test scores, and activities.