11th Grade Checklist

Fall (September – November)
☐ Start your junior year off by registering for the PSAT &/or ACT Practice test.
☐ Feeling overwhelmed about college applications next year? Contact your counselor to organize your testing strategies and college plan.
☐ Explore colleges by taking a deeper look at schools by regions, sizes and academic specialties.
☐ Research college costs and tuition at different types of schools.
☐ Narrow your college list to 10 to 20 schools that interest you.
☐ Keep your stress level low by creating an organization system for all your college documents.
☐ It’s not too late to get involved. Pick an extracurricular activity (or two) and jump right in!

Winter (December – February)
☐ Study hard! Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance.
☐ Worried about taking the SAT or ACT? Create a test prep plan.
☐ Millions of dollars in scholarships goes unclaimed every year. Start researching the various scholarships available.
☐ Refine your choices of colleges by comparing and contrasting schools.
☐ Attend college fairs.

Spring (March – June)
☐ Take the SAT or ACT. Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.
☐ Beat the Letter of Recommendation rush by asking your teachers before everyone else does.
☐ Become familiar with admissions requirements at colleges/universities.
☐ It will be a big summer for college preparation. Get started on your college essay.
☐ Prepare for your AP Exams.
☐ Sign up of summer school if you need to remediate any class.
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Summer
☐ Continue to work on your college essay.
☐ If you need to take the SAT or ACT, study for the test. Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.
☐ Begin gathering information you will need to complete the financial aid application in the fall.
☐ Schedule your first round of college visits.