

11th GRADE CHECKLIST

Academic Plan

- Review your high school courses. Colleges look for challenging course work. Review college prep courses and RIGOROUS CORE!
- Research Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered along with Dual enrollment opportunities. BIG \$ savers!
- Sit down and talk to your parents about your post high school plans! What can you and your family afford?
- Do your classes meet your high school graduation requirements? Will your courses prepare you for college level work and meet college entrance requirements or NCAA?
- Write a post high school goal aligned to your career interests.
- Record any awards or achievements you have received during this school year.
- Register, STUDY, take the PSAT test in October and record your test results.
- Register & Take the SAT and/or ACT tests (end of junior year—ACT is free for students) and record your test results. Research which is required and accepted at the colleges you are considering. SAT subject tests? Do you need them? ASK!
- Continue preparing & researching for SCHOLARSHIPS!
- Learn about NCAA eligibility requirements if you are a student athlete.
- Record your service hours & turn into the Academic Dean. Remember: you need 40 hours (at least) to graduate from PHS. **Community service is a critical component** to college admissions and scholarships! Get as many hours as you can; you never know...it may lead to your future career along with building your character.

Career Plan

- Update your interest survey or career assessment and record your results in your MCIS portfolio
- Review your career goal. Are you taking courses aligned with that career option? Consider a career internship.
- Review and update your resume.
- Attend the college fair in September. Meet with the Job Service.

- Attend Scholarship Smackdown (November), Financial Aid Evening presentations with your parents (December, January and February)

Postsecondary Planning

- Schedule college visits; meet with reps that come to PHS!
- Review your post high school educational or career goal. Is this still what you want to do after high school?
- Review at least two more colleges that meet your post high school goals. Save your results in MCIS portfolio. Do a review of costs for those schools. Record your findings in your MCIS portfolio. What are the admissions requirements? When should you apply?
- Create a financial plan for meeting college costs. Research grants, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Begin preparing essays for college admissions and consider who you will ask for letters of recommendation.
- Start KEEPING COPIES OF EVERYTHING!
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL DAILY!**

Extracurricular Activities

- GET INVOLVED! Admissions & scholarships look for students who like to be involved, not just in academics.
- Document in your MCIS portfolio any club, sports, Fine and Performing Arts, community service, work experiences, including summer experiences.
- Document any leadership experiences you have been involved in.