



# 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

Recommended college prep activities

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## **FALL: TAKE THE PSAT AND EXPLORE CAREERS**

- Taking the PSAT as a sophomore is good practice for the SAT exam and your name will be released to colleges so you can start receiving brochures and reviewing information.
- Stay on track with your classes. Make sure you understand pre-reqs for junior year classes.
- Explore your career options. Research careers to learn about tasks, education and training needed.

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## **WINTER: READ AND WRITE**

- Work towards leadership positions in the activities you like best. Be sure to be involved with community service/church activities.
- Developing your reading skills will help you prepare for tests. Read lots of books!
- It is important to have good writing skills to complete college applications and essays. Get help if needed with writing skills.
- Meet with school counselor/teacher to discuss your PSAT scores. Can be re-taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade if necessary. Understand the options for advanced classes in junior and senior year.

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## **SPRING/SUMMER: KEEP YOUR GRADES UP AND REACH OUT TO COLLEGES**

- Focus your efforts on achieving the best grades possible.
  - Start researching colleges. Attend college fairs. Visit local colleges. Talk to relatives or friends who attend college.
  - Get a summer job (paid or volunteer).
  - With your family, do some research about financial aid and understand your family college budget. If you have your own form of income, consider setting aside money for college. Every little bit helps.
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