

Tenth Grade

__ Review your 9th and 10th grade classes with your parents and your counselor to make sure that you are taking courses required for admission to college.

__ The classes might be getting harder, but you can do it! Get extra help from a teacher or tutor if you need it. Ask your counselor for help too. Don't be shy!

__ Start getting ready now for the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT). It is an important test that most colleges require. This year, you may take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT). During your junior year, the PSAT is required for National Merit and National Achievement Recognition and Scholarship applicants. Taking the PSAT this year will be good practice for next year and for SAT preparation. Colleges also accept the American College Testing (ACT). You will take the ASPIRE test this year which is a preliminary ACT.

__ How about trying some new extracurricular or enrichment activities? Maybe you should do more with the activities you are already involved in, or run for office, or take charge of a project.

__ Are you on track? Try to meet with your counselor to make sure. Ask your counselor to explain the differences between private and public colleges, two-year and four-year colleges, and colleges and universities. **Have you given serious, prayerful consideration to attending a Christian institution?**

__ Remember to update your college file at the end of each grading period. (See grade 9 for a list of what should go into the file.)

__ Start checking out nearby colleges and universities. Most schools have web sites where you can request a catalogue or more information. You may even want to visit some of the local campuses with your parents.

__ Start learning the specifics about financial aid – the different kinds that are available. See your counselor for information or visit some of the websites listed on your homepage in Naviance.

__ Student athletes who are considering playing for a Division I or Division II college should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center this year at eligibilitycenter.org. This link is also provided in Naviance.