

## Grade 11:

This is often considered the most important year of your high school career. Determine now to make the best grades you possibly can this year. It will greatly improve your chances for college acceptance and scholarship money!

- You will be taking the **PSAT** in October. **THIS IS THE YEAR IT COUNTS**, so do your best! Afterwards, use your test results to make a study plan for taking the SAT in the spring. Khan Academy is an excellent option for test prep and it is FREE through your College Board account! You can even be eligible for scholarships just by completing simple steps in preparing for the SAT and for researching your colleges!
- **ALL JUNIORS SHOULD TAKE BOTH THE ACT/SAT COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS BEFORE THEIR SENIOR YEAR!** The links to register for both tests are at the bottom of your home page in Naviance.
- **UPDATE your Resume'** in Naviance Student with summer activities and current school and community activities. You can find your Resume by clicking on the menu (3 stacked lines) at the top right of your home page. Then click on About Me and then My Stuff and then Resume. You will need this information for every college application and most scholarship applications. Your teachers and Guidance Counselor will also refer to your resume when writing letters of recommendation.
- **Attend the local college fairs** offered here at SCA and at USC-Upstate. You should have a list of 5 - 10 colleges/universities that you are considering. You need to enter your list under "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance Student. Be prepared to review the colleges on your list and have questions ready for the admissions representatives.
- **Schedule college visits** on teacher inservice days and weekends. You are allowed to take several college visits during school this year, but you need to let Mrs. Bowen in Guidance know in advance when you will be out.
- **Meet with your guidance counselor** to discuss colleges you are interested in, plan courses for your senior year and to review your transcript. Unsure of a career or college major? Complete the Personality Assessment (Do What You Are) and the Career Interest Profiler in Naviance Student.
- **Research scholarships and financial aid.** You will find numerous web sites/links available through your Naviance account. Scroll down to the bottom of your home page in Naviance and you will see links to these sites. Click on more "view all from my school" to see the entire list. Also,

check on the web sites of your top colleges as they all have financial aid tabs and usually list scholarships/grants available and the criteria for each one.

- **Athletes applying to a Division I or II school** should register with the NCAA at the beginning of the SOPHOMORE YEAR. If you still need to do this go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

Work hard and have a great year!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3: 23-24