

## **Sophomore Checklist in Approximate Order**

- Have college discussion(s) with your parent(s).
- If offered, take a practice PSAT and also the ACT/SAT Combo Practice test.
- Talk to people you know about careers and colleges.
- Keep your grades up. Sophomore year is important!
- Develop a rough target list of colleges. 10-12 is fine at this point.
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your curriculum and options.
- Continue extracurricular activities – remember, quality not quantity!
- Can you obtain a leadership position in some area? Start something?
- Begin or continue to work on your resume. Look for weak areas.
- Get to know your teachers and be sure they know you care about grades.
- Look at the websites of some of your “dream colleges”. See what they require.
- Register on these college websites to get on their mailing lists.
- Read more than the minimum high school required reading – work on vocabulary.
- Analyze your PSAT and practice SAT/ACT results if applicable.
- Continue to familiarize yourself with internet resources and scholarship searches.
- Update your file and resume with any awards, honors, certificates, etc.
- Visit at least 3 colleges over Spring Break
- Plan an interesting summer that might enhance your resume.
- Plan a challenging junior curriculum. Take the most difficult classes you can handle.
- Study hard for sophomore finals.
- Talk to people you know and those who attend your target colleges.
- Submit community service hours for DCS
- Enjoy a productive summer!