

Cabot School Sophomore

College Planning Monthly Checklist (2019-2020)

August/September

- ☐ Talk with your counselor about the year ahead. Confirm that your courses will put you on the right track.
- ☐ Ask about test dates for the PSAT. Plan to take PSAT in October.
- ☐ Start developing a resume – a record of your accomplishments, activities and work experience. Ask your school counselor about creating a resume.
- ☐ If you haven't participated in activities outside of class, now is the time to sign up. Consider clubs at school, team sports, leadership roles, part-time employment or involvement in a religious or civic community group.
- ☐ Look at College Visit Information in the counseling office to meet with visiting college reps.
- ☐ Begin work on your portfolio in Advisory and continue refining your personalized learning plan.

October

- ☐ Take the PSAT. Taking the test as a junior will qualify you for some scholarship consideration and identify you to colleges as a potential applicant.
- ☐ Continue working on your resume.
- ☐ Attend the VSAC Financial Aid Form Workshop.
- ☐ Continue working on your portfolio in Advisory.

November

- ☐ Consider career goals. Meet with our Gear Up Coordinator to explore career options.
- ☐ Begin to prepare for the SAT or ACT. Plan to take one of these tests in spring. Ask your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- ☐ Continue to put forth your best academic effort!
- ☐ Work on your resume.
- ☐ Check in with your school counselor with any questions.
- ☐ Attend parent/teacher/student conferences at Cabot School.

December

- ❑ Review PSAT or Pre-ACT scores with your school counselor. Students will receive their PSAT test booklets so that they can review questions which they answered incorrectly. Become familiar with Khan Academy and ACT Academy and their standardized tests and other academic study tools.

January/February

- ❑ Work with your school counselor to set your junior schedule. Enroll in the most challenging courses for you.
- ❑ Continue exploring interests and participate in career exploration. Use College Board and VSAC to help explore different careers.
- ❑ Think about lining up a summer job, internship, volunteering or attending a summer camp.
- ❑ Explore summer opportunities on college campuses – a great way to find out what college life is all about.
- ❑ AP exam registration details are disseminated in classes.
- ❑ It's never too early to explore a college campus if you're on vacation and near a college. Or, start by visiting colleges near you and include a large, medium and small size campus.

March

- ❑ Attend VSAC events at Cabot.
- ❑ Apply for summer activities/jobs.

April

- ❑ Continue to research career options and matches to college majors.
- ❑ Apply for summer activities/jobs.

May

- ❑ AP exams are administered. Keep your AP Grade Report if you're interested in earning college credit.
- ❑ Prepare for other exams/assessments.
- ❑ Continue planning your summer – consider taking a summer course or participating in a summer program (i.e.: for prospective engineers, journalists or for those interested in theater or music) at a local college or community college.
- ❑ Check in with your school counselor with any questions.
- ❑ Keep editing your resume.

June

- ☐ Keep editing your resume.
- ☐ Passage Presentation!

July/August

- ☐ Make your summer productive.
- ☐ Have fun! Find time for rest and relaxation, too!