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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

11th Grade College Planning Timeline

During Junior Year:

- Review grades and standardized test results (PreACT) from 10th grade to look for your academic strengths and weaknesses. Your student received PreACT score reports in the spring of 10th grade.
- Look at the results of your PreACT career interest inventory.
- Continue to focus on keeping your grades up and seek help/tutoring if you are struggling.
- Colleges look for strong grades and rigorous course choices. Challenge yourself in areas where you have strengths and interests.
- Research colleges/universities: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/filters>
- Research college admissions requirements and scholarships for GPA and ACT requirements.
- Build and refine your college list.
- Community service is important to college and scholarship applications. Focus on activities that interest you- quality rather than quantity.
- Character counts- be mindful of your attitude and behavior- you will need administrators and teachers to complete college/scholarship recommendations.

August:

- Take rigorous academic courses that align with your college and career plans.
- If you are taking a dual enrollment course, make sure you have applied for the dual enrollment grant- <https://cliplink.tsac.tn.gov/student/signon/>

September:

- Attend College Fair at Carson-Newman University- this is a school field trip

October:

- Attend college representative visits to learn about different colleges.
- Take PSAT on Wednesday after Fall Break

November:

- Continue to learn about yourself and find activities that you are interested in based on your values, talents and personality.

December:

- Register for February or April [ACT](#) by early January

January:

- If interested in a Military Academy, apply for summer camps.
- Set goals for ACT based on admissions requirements or scholarship.
- Sign up to take CCS' ACT Prep Course February - March or study on your own with prep materials.
- Register for February or April [ACT](#) by early January- if you plan to take a dual enrollment course during your senior year, you must take the real ACT
- Review course options and plan 12th grade classes based on interests/goals and graduation requirements.

TIP: If you want to participate as a NCAA Division I athlete, register with the NCAA [eligibility center](#) and make sure you have the 16 core course requirements planned through 12th grade.

February:

- If applying to a Military Academy, request congressional nomination forms. Fill out preliminary applications.

TIP: A major part of a Military Academy application is the physical fitness test. Know what is expected and find a trainer to help you.

March/April:

- Visit colleges over Spring break
- Attend Rising Senior Night
- Get on mailing lists for colleges of interest.
- Plan summer to include a ministry or activity.
- Register for the June [ACT](#) by early May
- Update resume- Add activities, awards and leadership positions.
- Write college/scholarship essay

May:

- Take AP exams and Finals
- Register for the July [ACT](#) by early June
- Ask for recommendations from a teacher. Give them at least 2 months advance notice and send reminders with the date needed.