

# Lindale High School

## 10th Grade Year Countdown to College

### **August**

- \_\_\_ Review your high school courses and activities. Colleges look for challenging coursework, strong grades, and extracurricular activities.
- \_\_\_ Consider signing up to take a Practice SAT test and a Practice ACT test. Visit with your counselor.

### **September**

- \_\_\_ Browse career interests and surf the Web for information.
- \_\_\_ Research a college that you might be interested in attending; browse this college's website.
- \_\_\_ Study for the PSAT.
- \_\_\_ Join an extracurricular activity, club, or organization.
- \_\_\_ Be involved and volunteer - [Community Service Opportunities](#)

### **October**

- \_\_\_ Take the PSAT.
- \_\_\_ Talk to your parents and your LHS counselor to gain their insight about careers that match your interests.

### **November**

- \_\_\_ Talk as a family about how much you may be able to afford to spend for your college education.

### **December**

- \_\_\_ Study for final exams.

### **January**

- \_\_\_ Join an extracurricular activity, club, or organization if you have not already joined one.
- \_\_\_ Research a college that you might be interested in attending; browse this college's website.

### **February**

- \_\_\_ Continue researching career interests and surf the web for information.
- \_\_\_ Watch videos about your career interests
- \_\_\_ Review your PSAT scores; set up and link your Khan Academy account to your College Board account for study information.
- \_\_\_ Familiarize yourself with the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- \_\_\_ Research Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit through Tyler Junior College for courses you might like to take.

### **March/April**

- \_\_\_ Create a list and add a few colleges of interest and continue researching colleges of interest.
- \_\_\_ Continue researching college scholarships opportunities to familiarize yourself with qualifications and requirements. You will find scholarships that you are able to apply for in your junior summer/senior year. Keep a list of these scholarships, and reference this list in your junior summer/senior year.
- \_\_\_ Enroll in TJC Dual Credit for your Junior Year. (Fees and prerequisites required.)

### **May/June**

- \_\_\_ Plan your summer activities, including volunteer work to build your resume.
- \_\_\_ Study for final exams.
- \_\_\_ Create your resume
- \_\_\_ Start summer enrichment activities.

