

College Counseling - Sophomore Class

Academic Achievement, Testing, Career Exploration, Class Schedules

Academics

1. Continue to work to get your grades to their highest level.
2. Follow your academic progress on Edline. Register your e-mail address.
3. Ask your teachers for help when needed.
4. Ask your Academic Advisor to arrange for a tutor if necessary.
5. Begin to study early for semester exams. (Fall exams – December)
6. Start fresh second semester.
7. Retake any courses in which you receive a grade lower than a C-.
8. Investigate summer programs that will offer you enrichment opportunities.

Testing

1. Review your PLAN test results carefully. Read all of the information provided for you from the testing center.
2. Review the Questions and Answer Booklet provided for you from the College Board SAT.
3. Junior year: Start preparation for the SAT by taking the PSAT on our October testing day.

Career Exploration

1. Review your career exploration results in the College Career Center.
2. Review your “Do What You Are” results on Naviance Family Connection.
3. Use the Dictionary of Occupations Book or review O*NET on the internet to research career fields and job opportunities.
4. Talk to people who work in the industry that interests you.
5. Use Family Connection to see which colleges offer the career major(s) you are interested in.
6. Investigate those colleges that: offer your major; that you are interested in attending; and are feasible for your family.
7. Become active on campus and within your community in areas that interest you.

Class Schedules

1. Schedule a challenging course load for junior year
2. Review your planner for Saint Joseph graduation as well as CSU and UC requirements.
3. Be aware of the A-G classes that your college choice will encourage you to take. Many colleges encourage you to take three years of a foreign language and science instead of two, as well as four years of math instead of three.