## Countdown to College Checklist

## Grade 11- Fall

Less than 2 years to get ready for college!

Take the most challenging coursework available!

_ Ensure your coursework meets HS graduation requirements AND college admission requirements
_ Notify your counselor if you plan to participate in a Division I or II sport (NCAA requirements)
_ Volunteer/participate in community service
_Continue working on study habits, organization, time management, and note-taking skills
_ Demonstrate leadership and responsibility in community and school programs - get involved!
_Think about what criteria you are looking for in a college or university & consider possible schools
_Attend college fairs/meet with college representatives that visit the lunchroom
_Research college majors that correspond with your abilities and interests - career test on Naviance!
_Take the PSAT
Grade 11 - Spring _ Take the SAT and/or the ACT
_Begin researching sources of financial aid and scholarships you may be eligible for
_Create/update your resume and apply for summer job opportunities
_Begin asking teachers for letters of recommendation
<u>Grade 11 - Summer</u>
_ If seeking athletic scholarships, make contact with coaches at your potential colleges _ If you plan on competing in D1 or D2 college sports, you must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center
_ Visit the schools that interest you if you have not already done so