



## Sophomore Year The Year of Creating Opportunities

### College-

- You don't need to worry about intense researching until the summer before your junior year.
- Focus on grades and doing well in your classes.
- It's a good idea to begin looking at college websites if you have time and attending college fairs to get an idea of what colleges offer.
- Check high school courses. Will you meet the college requirements?

### College Testing -

- Don't worry about taking the SAT I/ACT tests until your junior and senior years. PSAT is a practice test that will be given here at WCHS in October of your junior year.

### Be Proactive -

- Begin the college search by visiting websites and attending college fairs. This is still early but it is never too late to start thinking of your future.
- Riverside College & Career Fair on *October 3<sup>rd</sup>* at the Riverside Convention Center from *5pm -8pm*.
- National Christian College Fair on *October 5<sup>th</sup>* from *6pm- 8pm here* at Woodcrest Christian's Pavilion.
- College Planning & AP/Honors Courses (10<sup>th</sup> grade) parent meeting on *March 5<sup>th</sup>* at *7pm* at WCHS's MPR.
- Inland Empire National College Fair on *April 24<sup>th</sup>* at the Ontario Convention Center from *6pm- 8pm*

### Study Hard-

- The sophomore year is one of the most important years for colleges. Your grades matter so make sure you are studying and working hard because most schools require at least a 'C' and UC and Cal State schools won't allow 'D' grades unless you retake the classes.

### Sell Yourself-

- Begin to put together a portfolio of all your awards, honors, activities, volunteer hours, career options, and colleges you are interested in.
- Get involved in a non-teenage activity. Ex: volunteer in a community basketball camp for underprivileged kids.
- If you are interested in applying for a Cal State school then you need to get a job and work at least one hour a week.

### Homework

- Study, Study, and Study!!!
- Begin to look at college websites if you have free time
- Set up a file with the following: Awards, honors, activities, and volunteer hours by year in high school, career options and colleges you're interested in.

### Helpful websites:

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (scholarships)
- [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

## Sophomore Timeline

### September

- Study hard in all your classes. The grades you earn in 10<sup>th</sup> grade are crucial to your final GPA and class rank.
- Check high school courses. Will you meet the college requirements?
- Get involved in on-campus activities; genuine involvement in one is better than a token participation in several
- Start or continue community service. Keep a folder with names, dates and times.

### October

- **Attend the Riverside College & Career Fair on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Riverside Convention Center at 5pm**
- **Attend the National Christian College Fair here at WCHS pavilion on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**
- Develop a list of your career and college interests
- **Attend College Planning & AP/Honors Courses (10<sup>th</sup> grade) parent meeting on *March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm* at WCHS's MPR.**

### November

- Continue thinking about your initial career and college interests
- Involve your parents in your career and college choices
- Become familiar with general college entrance requirements

### December

- Talk with WCHS graduates home from college or out working. Ask how they like what they are doing.
- Continue to work hard in all your classes

### January

- Continue college and career exploration
- Prepare for semester exams; colleges look at your sophomore grades. With any 'D' grades you will not be able to apply to any UC or CSU schools unless you retake the classes

### February

- **For those interested in college athletics attend the Path to College Athletics on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the MP Room.**
- Research what colleges are best for your career interest and visit some campuses.
- Get involved in activities; join a club, athletic team or volunteer. Work towards leadership.
- Check for teachers availability for tutoring
- **AP/Honors lunch mandatory meetings for all prospective AP/Honors students for next year. Scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>. Listen to the bulletin for which AP/Honors classes will be featured each day that week.**
- Work hard in your present classes
- Check out various career options and find out what classes are required

### April

- **Attend the Inland Empire National College Fair on April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Convention Center from 6pm- 8pm.**
- Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you and search their websites.
- Plan summer visits to colleges that interest you or have a focus on your career goals
- Work on your writing skills

### May

- Think about going to summer school or getting a summer job
- Make a profile of colleges that interest you. Use college catalogs or the internet
- Begin preparing for finals. Remember you must get a grade of 'C' or better for college applications or think of classes you need to retake that you got a 'D' or 'F' in.

### June

- Start summer school
- Explore career options. Take a career tests see Miss Bolling for a Career Direct test or take [www.californiacollege.edu](http://www.californiacollege.edu)
- If you don't have a job try volunteering in your career area (community service hours)
- Begin studying for the SAT I. Check out [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for registration dates for next year
- Get summer assignments for AP and Honors classes.
- Enjoy your summer!