

## SOPHOMORE YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING COUNTDOWN

<b>September</b>
Memorize the <b>graduation requirements</b> for your graduating class. (46 credits)
Find out how to make an appointment to see your counselor. Make at least 2 appointments this year!
Use the <b>student planner</b> provided by your school to stay organized
Continue to develop good study skills. Ask your counselor and teachers for more information.
Check the website for valuable information on upcoming events
<b>October</b>
Heads up! All 10 <sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the WKCE test late Oct. or early Nov. as well as the PLAN test later this semester.
Use the career center/internet to become familiar with entrance requirements for 4 year colleges, technical colleges, apprenticeships, military or workforce opportunities.
Attend a college fair.
Identify areas of interest and explore careers in various fields.
<b>November</b>
Talk to your family about saving money for your schooling or training after high school graduation.
By now you should have a quiet place at home for studying. If not, do it <b>NOW!</b>
<b>December</b>
Heads up! All 10 <sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the PLAN test in mid December
If you don't have a resume started, find out how to do it.
See your counselor to make any necessary changes to second semester schedule
<b>January</b>
How many credits have you earned and what is your GPA?
<b>February</b>
Are <b>Advanced Placement</b> or <b>Honors courses</b> for you? Think about it! Stretch yourself!
Update your 4 year plan. It's not too early to think about your senior schedule.
Have a serious discussion with your parents about your future career goals.
Find out about <b>dual enrollment</b> courses. Juniors and seniors can earn college credit while still in high school.
<b>March</b>
Spend time researching your future and finding the right career for you.
<b>April</b>
Check into summer possibilities such as volunteering, internships, summer school or a summer job.
Continue to work on your <b>study habits and time management skills.</b>
<b>May</b>
<b>"Know Thyself"</b> Make a list of your strengths and talents, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, and any awards you receive.
Are you behind in credits? See your counselor for assistance!
Don't procrastinate! Start studying for final exams.

## June/July/August

Update your resume.

Volunteer this summer. Obtain more service learning hours.

Visit college campuses while on the family vacation.

Remember to register for the October PSAT this coming fall. To qualify for the **National Merit** or **National Achievement Scholarships**, it must be taken in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

Read, Read, Read – ask your teachers for reading lists or read whatever interests you

### Check out these websites this summer or anytime!

#### College Search

[www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu](http://www.uwhelp.wisconsin.edu) – University of Wisconsin System  
[www.witechcolleges.com](http://www.witechcolleges.com) – Wisconsin Technical College System  
[www.wisconsinmentor.org](http://www.wisconsinmentor.org) - Wisconsin Private Colleges  
[www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.petersons.com](http://www.petersons.com)  
[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)  
[www.collegedata.com](http://www.collegedata.com)  
[www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

#### Military Academies

[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu) (Westpoint - Army)  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu) (Annapolis - Navy)  
[www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu) (Colorado Springs – (Air Force)  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu) (Merchant Marines)

#### Career Information and Planning\*

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco) – Occupational Outlook Handbook  
[www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors](http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors) - What can I do with a major in...?  
[careerkey.org](http://careerkey.org) – Career Assessment  
[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) – Career Information/Assessment  
[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

#### Financial Aid\*

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)

#### College Entrance Exams

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org) – ACT information  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) – SAT information (also for AP exams)  
[www.cavhs.org](http://www.cavhs.org) - ACT/SAT test prep

#### College Athletics

[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) - information for the college bound student-athlete

**\*Most college sites also have career information/links, financial aid information/links, and scholarship information/links.**