

## 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE

### *The Journey Continues*

Applying for college is only two years away! Continue to research all of your high school, college, and career opportunities.

- 1) Continue taking college preparatory courses to be ready for college-level work. Take the most challenging courses you can this year, especially Advanced Placement, Tech Prep, and Dual Credit courses to potentially earn college credit while in high school.
- 2) Continue to pursue interests you love outside of school.
- 3) Read, read, read. Work on your writing skills. Learn about current affairs. Keep on top of world news.
- 4) Take part in summer enrichment programs and special workshops that focus on a particular subject, such as science or math.

### *Information on Preparing for College*

<http://www.petersons.com> Comprehensive college search site with a great student college planner tool.

<http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp> College Board College Match Maker enables you to search by location, majors, and more to find a college that fits.

<http://collegefortexans.com> Comprehensive site for students considering colleges in Texas including a college locator, college matching tool, financial aid, and more.

<http://www.achievetexas.org> Provides sixteen career clusters, career advancement, and post-secondary opportunities for students.

<http://www.coin3.com/> Coin provides self and career exploration

<http://www.connectedu.net/corp/index.html> ConnectEdu provides comprehensive college planning, student tracking, and high school counseling tools.

<http://www.cfisd.net/dept2/counseling/contents.htm> Cy-Fair ISD Guidance and Counseling website with comprehensive college, career, and financial aid information.

### *Student's Planning Guide*

- Discuss your future goals with your counselor and review your schedule to make sure you're enrolled in challenging classes that will help you prepare for college. Keep your grades up – nothing on your college application will matter as much as your grades.
- Plan to take the PSAT given in October. Use the access code on your PSAT score report to sign in to My College QuickStart™. With this personalized planning kit, you can prepare for the SAT using a study plan based on your PSAT results and explore lists of suggested colleges, majors, and careers.
- Update your record of activities and/or community service, including recent accomplishments and awards. Start planning the extracurricular activities you want to be involved in next year. Begin to pursue leadership positions.
- Continue exploring colleges by visiting college fairs and making plans to visit campuses of schools you are most interested in attending. Determine which tests and courses are required for admission.
- Participate in a quality summer opportunity — get a job, an internship, a volunteer position, or take part in a workshop on a college campus.