College Counseling Timeline

NINTH GRADE
☐ Begin building your academic record – grades matter!
☐ Explore your interests and get involved in and/or outside of the Greenhill community
☐ Start keeping a list of awards, accomplishments and activities earned this year
☐ Introduction to college counseling – spring

TENTH GRADE
☐ Take the PSAT – October
☐ If applicable, attend the Dallas National Performing and Visual Arts College Fair – fall
☐ Attend standardized testing program with guest speaker
☐ Attend sophomore student and parent College Night– winter
☐ Students are assigned a college counselor– winter
☐ Attend college deans’ colloquium – January
☐ Take optional ACT practice test – late winter
☐ College counselors visit student advisory groups – late winter
☐ Begin discussing two-year plan for course scheduling with your advisor – late winter
☐ Attend the Dallas/Fort Worth National College Fair – spring
☐ Attend the Dallas College Previews Fair – spring
☐ When appropriate, students may take SAT Subject Tests and/or AP exams – May
☐ Possible ACT/SAT test prep – summer
☐ Consider plans for a meaningful post-sophomore summer

ELEVENTH GRADE
☐ Attend junior student and parent college program – September
☐ Take the PSAT– National Merit qualifying year – October
☐ Attend the Financial Aid & Scholarship information night - fall
☐ If applicable, attend the Dallas National Performing and Visual Arts College Fair – fall
☐ Complete the junior student and parent questionnaires (available in December)
☐ Attend college deans’ colloquium – January
☐ Students meet individually with their college counselor – winter
☐ Junior family conference with college counselor – late winter/spring
☐ Attend the Dallas/Fort Worth National College Fair – spring
☐ Attend the Dallas College Previews Fair – spring
☐ Attend area admissions receptions for colleges and universities – late winter/spring
☐ Peer recommendation forms – spring
☐ Mock interviews offered – spring
☐ Teacher recommendation request form due – May
☐ Attend college application workshop – June
☐ Attend college essay workshop – summer
☐ Possible test prep if needed
☐ Begin to explore financial aid policies, procedures, and college net price calculators
☐ Begin standardized testing

TWELFTH GRADE
☐ Attend senior student and parent college program – September
☐ Draft of a Common App and/or Apply Texas essay is due the beginning of school
☐ Ongoing essay review throughout the fall
☐ Meet with counselor in the fall to assess list and plan application strategy
☐ Mock interviews offered – fall
☐ Meet with college reps at Greenhill and at area receptions - fall
☐ Attend the Financial Aid & Scholarship information night - fall
☐ If applicable, take final SAT or ACT
☐ Complete and submit applications and test scores in the fall season
☐ If applicable, apply for need-based and merit-based financial aid – fall
☐ National Candidate Reply Date – May 1
☐ Attend transition to college workshop – June