

SHOREWOOD 10TH GRADE WHAT TO DO WHEN FUTURE PLANNING

ALL YEAR

- Volunteer** Work on your graduation requirement, and boost your service for college, scholarship, and job applications. Consider volunteering in a field related to your career interest.
- Get Involved** Explore clubs, activities, or sports. If you are aiming for college, realize that they don't want a huge list of involvements, but they do want to see what you are committed to and interested in. Paid work or caring for family members are also valuable experiences.
- Research Possibilities** Use Naviance to research colleges and careers. Investigate several possible paths.
- Add to your List** As you explore future possibilities, add colleges to your "thinking about" list in Naviance and careers to your "favorites" list.
- Be a Leader** Leadership takes many forms; take a role with responsibility.
- Create a Resume** Using Google Docs or the resume tool in Naviance, record your involvements, leadership roles, and volunteerism. Maintain your resume so you do not forget what you have done and so that you can easily access it when an opportunity arises.
- Check your k12 Email** Your school email is the primary way Shorewood staff communicate with students. Check your email regularly for info about community service, opportunities, and graduation requirements.
- Register for Raise.me** Consider registering with this microscholarships site. Learn more on [Raise.me](https://www.raise.me).

FALL

- Take the PSAT** All Shorewood sophomores are automatically signed up for the PSAT, which is given on a Wednesday in the fall. This is the only time that you will automatically signed up for the PSAT: next year you will have to sign up for the PSAT through Shorewood, and you will sign up for the ACT/ SAT through the testing firms.
- Attend a College Visit** The Career Center hosts scores of visits from 4-year colleges, 2-year colleges, industry, and the military. Visits during SAS and Lunch are open to students in all grade levels.
- Go to a College Fair** Every fall, there are at least three local college fairs: the National College Fair in downtown Seattle with 350+ schools; the Performing Arts College Fair at Seattle Center with about 100 schools; and the Black College Fair featuring Historically Black Colleges & Universities and other schools.

WINTER

- Learn about Teen Employment** Attend the Career Center session with your English Class. You will learn about teen labor laws, career research tools, and more.
- Review PSAT Scores** Look up your PSAT scores via collegeboard.org or in your Naviance account. Reflect on how you did, but do not exaggerate the importance of the scores. They *do not* count and students with all sorts of scores go to college.
- Plan Your Classes** Consider what to take for 11th and 12th grade. Do your courses align with college entrance requirements? Are you ready for AP or Running Start courses?
- AP Exam Registration** If you are taking AP World History, sign up for the AP Exam (February registration for the May exam). You will receive instructions via email and reminders from your teacher.

SPRING

- Plan your Summer** Consider: community service opportunities; trips to possible colleges; camps; work. Check your emails from Mrs. Stephens and the College & Career website for listings.
- Attend College & More Night** Right here at Shorewood, we hold College & More night, which will include a college fair with 2-year and 4-year colleges, the military, apprenticeship programs, and other possibilities. It is an easy way and an ideal time for you to explore.
- Attend a College Fair** The Spring College Fair, held at Seattle University in late April, is manageable, with about 60 colleges. Held on a Saturday afternoon.
- Contemplate Possibilities** Watch some RoadTrip Nation videos on Naviance, visit colleges / trade schools as opportunities arise, continue researching possible fields & destinations.
- SAT Subject Test Registration** If you are taking AP World History, consider taking the SAT Subject Test in World History.

SUMMER

- Volunteer** Summer is a great time to finish your graduation requirement. Be sure you document your hours and turn the forms in when school starts.
- Get a Job** Jobs look good on resumes and applications, and the money always helps!
- Look Ahead to Junior Year** Look at the Junior 2- and 4-year college planning timelines. If you are aiming for college, figure out a plan for the search process.
- Plan for Testing** If you know you are college bound, plan to take the PSAT in the fall of junior year and the SAT and/ or ACT in the winter or early spring of junior year. You will have to sign up in the Shorewood Business Office for the PSAT in 11th grade; registration will not be automatic. If you are motivated, do some prep over the summer. See Khan Academy on collegeboard.org.
- Talk about \$** Have a family discussion about college and \$. Use a couple of Net Price Calculators on college websites; the sticker price isn't necessarily your family's net price.
- Attend a College Fair** Colleges That Change Lives has a midsummer college fair in the Seattle area. CTCL schools are mostly small colleges that prioritize undergraduate education. Look for details on CTCL.org.