

# Holy Spirit Preparatory School College Counseling Curriculum

## 7th / 8th

- Students meet twice a year with the College Counselor to discuss study skills, trying new opportunities, and making authentic friendships
- Each year, both the CogAT and ITBS tests are administered to students
- For 8<sup>th</sup> graders registering for freshman year, the College Counselor meets with parents and students to consider their course selection for the first “transcript” year of high school

## 9th

- Students meet twice a year with the College Counselor to discuss importance of grades, activities, community service, and social media
- All students (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) take the PSAT in October
- Students are given access to Naviance, our college process software
- During registration, the College Counselor meets with students and parents to discuss course selection and goals for the transcript

## 10th

- Students meet twice a year with the College Counselor to discuss career options, using Naviance as an organization tool, and standardized testing
- Students participate in resume building and summer enrichment opportunities
- As students begin to consider accelerated level coursework, the College Counselor will advise students and parents about HSPS options and goal setting

## 11th

- Students will meet multiple times a semester with the College Counselor as a class
- College Counseling Office hosts Fall Kick Off – a one-day boot camp on the college admissions process; followed by a Parents Only night
- Students and Parents meet with College Counselor individually in December
- With the College Counselor, students will create: Testing Timeline, College Resume, Reach/Aim/Safety List for College Applications, College Visit plan, Scholarship Profiles, Teacher Recommendation requests, and positive web presence.

## 12th

- Students will meet with the College Counselor: individually before October 15 and weekly in small groups until November 1
- College Counseling Office hosts several college application workshop dates for students to complete applications with the College Counselor
- Students will work very closely with the College Counselor on finalizing a thoughtful, balanced list of colleges and scholarships
- Constant communication between students, parents and College Counselor related to Counseling Office events, College Representative Visits, upcoming deadlines, and new opportunities for scholarships through April
- With the College Counselor, students will evaluate offers of admission and designate their college choice by May 1