Mountain View Academy COLLEGE READINESS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS 11th Grade

FALL/ ELEVENTH GRADE

Students:

- ☐ Review your four-year academic plan with your registrar. Take "a-g" courses to meet college entrance requirements (English III, advanced Math, Laboratory science, foreign language and visual and performing arts)
- ☐ Take PSAT in October.
- ☐ Make a list of the top 5 colleges you are considering, noting campus size, location and resources. Learn entrance requirements for schools on your list.
- ☐ Attend College Fair (Oct. 29th, 2018)
- ☐ It's not too late to get involved. Pick a new extracurricular activity (or two) and jump right in!
- ☐ Take ASVAB test in the October.

Parents

- ☐ If the student does not have a Social Security card, go to SSA.gov to learn about obtaining one. While many private schools' resources don't require them, your student will need a Social Security number for state and federal aid.
- ☐ Check Renweb for information about events, testing dates and access to your student's grades.

Together

- ☐ Familiarize yourselves with the costs of college: tuition, fees, housing, food and supplies.
- ☐ Begin researching scholarships at your target colleges.

Winter/ ELEVENTH GRADE

Students:

- ☐ Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance. **Study** hard!
- Meet with college friends returning for winter break and ask for their suggestions on preparing for the first semester of college.
- ☐ PSAT results to arrive in December.

Parents

- ☐ Study your student's PSAT scores so you will be aware of areas that need strengthening as he or she prepares for the SAT.
- ☐ Sunday testing is available for test-takers who are unable to take the SAT on Saturday for religious reasons.

Together

- ☐ Carefully plan and schedule for the spring SAT Reasoning Tests (and Subject Tests, when relevant.) Schedules and practice tests are at collegeboard.com
- ☐ Register 6-8 weeks ahead, to prepare for the test. Explore SAT tutoring.

Spring/ ELEVENTH GRADE

Students:

- ☐ Take at least one practice exam before you take the SAT Reasoning Test.
- ☐ Review your senior year schedule with your Registrar.
- ☐ Prepare early for the May AP Exams.

Parents

- ☐ Use online tools such as the FAFSA Forecaster to estimate potential financial aid and your Expected Family Contribution.
- ☐ Need some **tips** on filling out the FAFSA?

Together

- ☐ Contact prospective colleges to schedule interviews and visits.
- ☐ Students without lawful immigration status may be eligible for financial aid: dream.csac.ca.gov
- Military Schools start recruitment Junior year. Look into different branches for options.

Summer/ ELEVENTH GRADE

Students:

- ☐ Practice makes perfect: Begin working on your **college application essay**.
- ☐ Create a summer reading list with recommendations from your teachers and school library (Look for the redhead).

Parents

☐ If planning a summer vacation, include a college tour.

Together

- □ Register now for SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Test in the fall. REMEMBER: the December test date is the last opportunity to meet application deadlines.
- Mark your calendars with important deadlines for applications and financial aid.