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Summer Projects (for Grades 10-12)

All students must complete one project. Collection of all projects will be done during the first week in September 2011. The project will be given a grade which will be the first test grade for every subject. So, if you fail to complete the project, you will fail the first test for each of your class.

Prizes for best writing, best video, best collage, and best Power Point presentation/best skit will be awarded. Projects will be publicized and displayed around the school and in the classrooms.

10th grade Summer Project:

Getting ready for college begins a journey of discovery-discover your future!
If you will be in the 10th grade in September 2011 this is the project for you!!!

Answer all parts of the project.

- A. Research three careers of interest, pay scales (include graphs and charts on pay associated with those careers), and create collages about these careers in order to decorate the classrooms. Identify the skills necessary for these preferred careers, preferred colleges that offer majors in these career choices, and contact and interview one person from each of these careers about their experience. Research the tuition and other expenses involved in attending their preferred colleges. Research scholarship opportunities, and write a report on creative ways to finance a college education.
- B. Write a report on where they would like to live, and how much money it would take to live comfortably there. Additionally, read the book, "Nickels and Dimes" and describe the type of life one lives who is making minimum wage. Create a budget for your desired living location and also create a current budget for yourself making minimum wage. Is it extremely difficult (if not impossible) to make one's dreams come true?
- C. Create an e-mail address to be used for your college search which is very businesslike. Visit college web sites, get on their mailing lists. Read and use college guides and handbooks. List the e-mail address which you created. List 3 college mailing lists on which you registered. What are two college guides/handbooks/ internet site you used? What important college information did you gather from these books?

11th Grade Summer Project

Answer all parts of the project. Getting ready for college begins a journey of discovery-discover your future!

If you will be in the 11th grade in September 2011 this is the project for you!!! Select and respond to one of the two tasks below for your Summer Project.

- A. Write a report describing what a good SAT score is. How will this score help you to make it to the colleges of your choice? Analyze your transcript –is it good enough? If not, develop an action plan –10 steps you can take to help you get into the colleges of your choice from now to June 2012.
- B. Write a report on where you would like to live, and how much money it would take to live comfortably there. Additionally, read the book, “Nickels and Dimes” and describe the type of life one lives who is making minimum wage. Create a budget for your desired living location (your dream place) and also create a current budget for yourself making minimum wage. Is it extremely difficult (if not impossible) to make one’s dreams come true?
- C. Research how much it will take to buy and pay insurance for your dream car. Include a picture of your dream car and explain your choice.
- D. Create an e-mail address to be used for your college search which is very businesslike. Visit college web sites, get on their mailing lists. Read and use college guides, handbooks and internet sites. List the e-mail address which you created. List 3 college mailing lists on which you registered. Select the three top colleges you would like to attend- what important college information did you gather from these sources about the three colleges you selected.
- E. Print and complete the college planner MY **COLLEGE** PICKS www.makingitcount.com.

12th grade Summer Project

If you will be in the 12th grade in September 2011 this is the project for you!!!

Getting ready for college begins a journey of discovery-discover your future! Your future is about *you*, what you have accomplished, what you have learned, and most importantly what you want to be. You have to tell the colleges why they should want you. Your applications to college should tell your story, what you have done and what you want to be.

Complete all questions.

1. Make a list of 5 colleges you are interested in.

2. Using the internet, look up the websites to all 5 colleges and answer the following about them—location, programs, admission requirements, and tuition. Type these up and include each list for each school with a photo from that school’s website.
3. Now choose the 2 colleges that interest you the most. Create a poster about each of these colleges that includes ALL of the following components:
 - a) The name of the college and a picture of the school’s mascot.
 - b) Location; and directions from Hillcrest to the campus.
 - c) The admission requirements to get into the school.
 - d) The cost of tuition for one semester.
 - e) A list of 4 majors the school offers.
 - f) A list of 4 extracurricular activities offered on the campus.
4. Develop and gather the materials for your college portfolio which includes
 - a. Completion of a personal essay about yourself.
 - b. Complete a brag sheet about yourself- your strengths, your accomplishments.
 - c. Enroll in “FASTWEB” and research two college scholarships which you think you stand a chance of getting.
 - d. Identify your weaknesses where your college readiness is concerned. How do you plan to address these weaknesses to make yourself more ready for college?
 - e. Discuss the skills you need to survive in college.
 - f. Do research on the all immunization and other medically related procedures you need to complete before going to college.
- g. What is the FAFSA? Why do you need to complete this document?

Complete a sample a FAFSA worksheet by downloading, printing and then filling in the blanks. See links provided: [2010-2011 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet \(color\)](#) in PDF format. [2010-2011 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet \(black and white\)](#) in PDF format.