

**College/Career Planning Resource Sheet** – Make sure you are working on these items every week.

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HINT: Stay organized. Make a list of SMART Goals each week. (A good YouTube video on how is located at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCRSVRD2EAK>)

<p><b>Edmodo – College/Career Planning Group Notification System</b>  <b>Parents and Students Join my Group: Mrs. Erdvig CAP Advisor</b>  <b>Start IMMEDIATELY – CHECK MY EDMODO DAILY!!!</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>College Websites</b>  <b>Research and Apply to schools by the Preferred Deadlines (The early bird gets the worm.)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to the website</li> <li>Create an account and “join” my group – See or email me for the group code for “Mrs. Erdvig CAP”</li> <li>Set your profile up to receive my updates to your email or text. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning: I post items early in the a.m. – do not delete me.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Check the “calendar” section</li> <li>Check the “folders” for scholarships, etc.</li> <li>Read ALL of my updates then ACT on them if appropriate</li> <li>Start your own list of scholarships to apply for based on my posts.</li> </ul> <p>Edmodo Group Code (Mrs. Erdvig CAP): <u>_6t92kh_</u> (the code to sometimes expires, so email Mrs. Erdvig if you need an updated code to join. Once you have joined, you do not have to rejoin).</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Go to the website of the colleges you are interested in, visit the schools with your parents, go to local visits the colleges you are interested in may hold, and go to college fairs (<a href="http://www.nacacfairs.org">www.nacacfairs.org</a>)</li> <li>Check the admissions requirements</li> <li>Check the “profile” of the entering freshman class. These are the main things colleges look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rigor of high school classes during all four years of high school (math and science senior year, AP, honors, dual enrollment, two or more consecutive years of a foreign language)</li> <li>GPA – ending junior year (Keep your GPA up your Senior year or the college can “rescind” your admission if you slack off.)</li> <li>SAT/ACT scores</li> <li>Who you are (resume, activities, awards, quality vs. quantity)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Check the admissions page and the application deadline(s) – Apply as early as possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check for first generation programs if you are first generation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Check the financial aid/scholarships page of each college you are applying to.</li> </ul>	
<p>College Board – SAT <u>take with the optional essay</u>  <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a></p>		<p>ACT <u>take with the optional essay</u>  <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign up to take in the Spring of your Junior year and the Fall of your Senior year.</li> <li>Take the PSAT in October of 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade.</li> <li>Juniors and Seniors on Free/Reduced Lunch can see Mrs. Erdvig for waivers for the cost of the test.</li> <li>When you sign up, make sure to have your scores sent immediately to colleges. If you wait to view your scores first, you may miss college application deadlines.</li> <li>Athletes send scores to NCAA Eligibility Center.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign up to take in the Spring of your Junior year and the Fall of your Senior year.</li> <li>Juniors and Seniors on Free/Reduced Lunch can see Mrs. Erdvig for waivers for the cost of the test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When you sign up, make sure to have your scores sent immediately to colleges. If you wait to view your scores first, you may miss college application deadlines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Athletes send scores to NCAA Eligibility Center</li> </ul>	
<p>First Generation Programs-<b>research schools with them</b> (Neither <u>parent</u> has a Bachelor’s Degree or Higher and your family is low income)</p>		<p>Florida Student Financial Aid  <a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org">www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org</a> – apply SENIOR year; as an underclassman, familiarize yourself with the website content</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you are first generation to college, you may receive special admissions consideration and/or additional financial aid.</li> <li>Brothers and sisters who have completed college do not factor into your being First Gen.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete as soon as possible on or after 10/1 during your senior year.</li> <li><b>Go to the website and review</b> the list of financial aid programs offered. Make sure to review the criteria for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships.</li> </ul>	
		<p align="center">Preparing for the SAT and ACT  <b>(Study at least 4-5 hours per week)</b></p>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you sign up with a fee waiver, ACT provides free access to online test prep for 6 months. They will email you directions for how to login to it.</li> <li>SAT provides free test prep with Khan Academy at <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat">https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat</a> (Research shows that 20 hours of practice on Khan Academy SAT Prep results in an average increase of 120 points on the SAT test.)</li> <li><a href="http://www.march2success.com">www.march2success.com</a>: free test prep</li> </ul>	
		<p align="center">Federal Financial Aid  <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> - apply SENIOR year; as an underclassman, familiarize yourself with the website content</p>	
		<p>Complete <b>YOUR SENIOR YEAR</b> with your parents as soon as possible after the application for the college school year following your June graduation opens on October 1. <b>Review the site now.</b> Complete for every year you are in college. Complete the current college year FAFSA if you are first generation and/or will be starting summer immediately after graduation.</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">College Accreditation</p> <p>College quality is not heavily regulated. Be a wise consumer.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Military Options</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://todaysmilitary.com/">http://todaysmilitary.com/</a></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. Department of Education <a href="http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/">http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/</a></li> <li>• Council for Higher Education Accreditation <a href="http://www.chea.org/search/">http://www.chea.org/search/</a></li> </ul> <p>ASK TOUGH QUESTIONS OF COLLEGES: Placement rates, graduation rates; etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If interested, check all branches (Navy, Air Force, Marines, Army, Coast Guard)</li> <li>• <b>If interested, check <u>all</u> options:</b> direct enlistment, college ROTC, Military Academies (West Point, US Naval Academy, US Air Force Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy); check on Military Academies prior to your senior year. Prepare for (<a href="http://www.marchtosuccess.com">www.marchtosuccess.com</a>) and take the ASVAB your SENIOR year.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Technical Degree/Certificate Training Options Quality and Value</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Florida Board of Governors</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.flbog.edu">www.flbog.edu</a> This is the body that governs our Florida Universities</p>
<p><b>Check technical degree/certificate programs</b> at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miami Dade College <a href="http://www.mdc.edu">www.mdc.edu</a> or</li> <li>• Miami Dade County Public Schools Technical Colleges <a href="https://www.careerinyear.com/">https://www.careerinyear.com/</a></li> </ul> <p>MDCPS or MDC offer <b>high quality</b> and <b>low-cost</b> training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check information on the site which includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum admission standards for the State University System</li> <li>○ A matrix of key information on each state university (deadlines, profiles of the entering freshman class)</li> <li>○ Fact sheets on each state university</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the information: <a href="https://www.flbog.edu/board/office/asa/admissionstour.php">https://www.flbog.edu/board/office/asa/admissionstour.php</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Federal Student Aid</p> <p>Studentaid.ed.gov As soon as possible view the videos.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NCAA Eligibility Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.eligibilitycenter.org">www.eligibilitycenter.org</a></p>
<p>Visit the website for multiple resources for financial aid. View the You Tube videos on the student aid process, types of financial aid, etc. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid">https://www.youtube.com/user/FederalStudentAid</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Students planning on playing Division I or II athletics in college need to register</b> FRL students can receive a waiver – email me after you complete your registration to submit your waiver approval</li> <li>• Gr 9 – 12 Make sure you meet eligibility criteria; course, grade, and test score requirements through high school. - Send your ACT/SAT test scores to NCAA</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Navigating Your Financial Future</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org">www.navigatingyourfinancialfuture.org</a></p> <p><b>Start reviewing the site now.</b> Start saving money now.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Florida Shines and My Career Shines</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.floridashines.org">www.floridashines.org</a> <b>Use the website as soon and as much as possible</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Check your progress toward the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships!!!</b></p>
<p>Click on calculators and use the “debt/salary wizard” to calculate if you can afford student loans that are part of your financial aid award.</p>	<p>Use the My Career Shines part of the site for career and college planning.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEEP YOUR GRADES UP. You are accepted to colleges base upon your “track record”. If you let your grades drop, the college can rescind your admission.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Colleges will also rescind if you have senior year infractions for <b>school code of conduct violations</b>, etc.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>You have worked too hard to get where you are to drop your standards for yourself.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Make sure you are working on completing your community service (Turner Tech/Bright Futures 100+ hours). Need hours? Try <a href="http://www.handsonmiami.org">www.handsonmiami.org</a> or Dolphins Special Teams <a href="https://www.miamidolphins.com/community/specialteams">https://www.miamidolphins.com/community/specialteams</a></p>	