



# College and Career Guidance

*Your Work is Your Ministry*

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Career Readiness: Professional Skills

#### Essential Questions:

- How will changes in society and the economy affect my future training and employment?
- What skills can I develop to make myself more marketable and employable?
- What is the definition of integrity and my personal understanding of how it relates to work?
- How will I prepare to handle issues such as diversity, conflict resolution and respecting authority in the workplace?
- How will my faith shape the work that I do?

#### Scripture:

- Love God (Matt. 22:37)
- Love Others (Matt. 22:39)
- Do everything in a manner that honors and glorifies God (Colossians 3:17)
- Use the gifts you've been given to participate in God's work of redemption and restoration in the world (1 Peter 4:10)

#### Competencies:

- Application Process: Resume, Cover Letters and Interviews
- Networking and collaboration
- Professionalism

#### Quotes:

"Create something that will make the world awesome." – Kid President

"Integrity is doing the right thing even though no one is watching." – CS Lewis

"The Christian shoemaker does his duty not by putting little crosses on the shoes, but by making good shoes." – Martin Luther

I used to be afraid of failing at something that really mattered to me, but now I'm more afraid of succeeding at things that don't matter." - Bob Goff

"Do you know that nothing you do in life will ever matter unless it is about loving God and loving the people He has made?" -Francis Chan

Source: Pamela Kilburn

# 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: To Do Checklist

## ✓ Finalize which college/career path meets your needs

- Visit a college campus: College Visitation Request and Verification Forms; Prepare Interview Questions
- Identify a college major of your interest and view the degree plans and course descriptions
- Explore postsecondary options such as Gap Year or Career Tech

## ✓ Track your credits for graduation

- Complete SWCS High School Course Worksheet
- Oklahoma Academic Scholar Recognition: Avg. GPA 3.7 and ACT Composite 27
- Valedictorian: Highest GPA Salutatorian: 3.85 and higher - April Notification

## ✓ Continue developing your portfolio of achievements

- Include work history, extracurricular activities, community service, and honors/awards
- Document grade level and time
- Free digital portfolio at [www.okcareerguide.org](http://www.okcareerguide.org), [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org), or [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)  
Earn micro-scholarships by filling out your profile.

## ✓ Prepare for graduation

### • **Applications**

- Apply to at least three different schools for admission – a “dream” school, a “realistic goal” school, and a school for which you can easily meet the admission requirements.

### • **Scholarships/Financial Aid**

- OK Regents Academic Scholars Program: Automatic Qualification is Minimum 3.25 GPA and ACT at/above 99.5%; Sum of ACT score = 137 or a Nation Merit Finalist; Can earn by nomination by school—[www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org)
- Explore the many scholarships available on our school website
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): You will use your tax return information to complete this application. Most schools require this to be completed to qualify for scholarships. Federal aid comes in the form of grants, loans, and work-study. You will apply at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

### • **SAT and ACT**

- SAT dates and online prep available at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ACT Prep in three steps:
  1. ACT Workshops
  2. Practice Test using test strategies; Online prep available @act.org  
Recommended books – Kaplan or Princeton Review, Chad Cargill
  3. One-on-One tutoring as needed
- ACT dates: CEEB code for SWCS: **374-018**; A student may take the ACT up to 12 times. The writing test is optional. National ACT w/o writing - \$69; w/ writing -\$94. SWCS offers ACT twice a year at a reduced rate.
- Residual ACTs: If you know which school you are attending, you can schedule to take

the ACT on campus. The score is only accepted at that university.

- Improving Scores: Many schools have cut off dates for when they will accept the latest ACT/SAT score for scholarships. Check with the university.
- Some colleges are test-optional meaning test scores are not mandatory for admissions. However, scholarships and leadership opportunities may be based on test scores.
- **College Credit**
  - Dual Credit Program – SWCS has partnered with Colorado Christian University to offer the opportunity to receive college credit for a limited number of specific courses taken at SWCS; \$250 per course; Deadline to register for Fall is Nov. 15 and Spring is April 15.
  - CLEP Tests – College-Level Examination Program offers 34 tests in 5 subject areas. You can earn 3 – 12 college credits. Exams cost \$95. Check specific college requirements. Registration is at <https://clep.collegeboard.org> Be sure to choose a testing center that is listed as OPEN. Tests taken at an OPEN site will be accepted at any college that accepts CLEP tests.

✓ Enjoy!

- JSB – Celebrate all that you have accomplished at SWCS! **Friday, April 25th**
- Boston Trip – Culminate your Christian education with this capstone experience. **May 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Graduation – YOU ARE FINISHED! **Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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