DARLINGTON SCHOOL

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

ELEVENTH GRADE

1. Continue to take **strong college-preparatory courses** and make sure your courses meet the requirements of the kinds of colleges you are interested in.

2. Make the **best grades** possible in the **strongest courses** you can handle! Your grades this year will determine your first official class rank which colleges will see. Many admissions decisions will be made based on your grades through the junior year.

3. Read carefully the Darlington *Guide to College Admission* on Darlington’s web site.

4. Take the **PSAT/NMSQT** in October. This is the year it counts!

5. Continue to build a strong **personal** and **extracurricular record** through involvement and commitment to your school activities.

6. Begin using the **Naviance** program. Complete the *Game Plan, Junior Student Survey*, and *Resume*; have your parents complete the *Parent Survey*.

7. Take the **SAT-I** in March; you may want to take an earlier SAT in January, as well.

8. Take the **ACT** if you need or wish to. This test is required or preferred by many colleges in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and the West.

9. In May take the **SAT II Subject Tests** in writing, math, and any science, history or language that you are completing this year.

10. Meet and talk with **college representatives** who visit Darlington. Find out about many different types and locations of colleges.

11. Attend **college night programs, college fairs**, and college-hosted functions in Atlanta.

12. Check out colleges’ web sites and make good use of the **resources** available in the Felker College Room of Darlington’s McCallie-Kennedy Library!

13. Be sure to get **financial aid** information from colleges.

14. **Visit** colleges during vacations and on weekends; good time are during fall break and during the first few days of Thanksgiving break.