**Sophomore Year Timeline**

The most important focus this year should be reaching your academic potential, honing your study skills, and continuing to develop your God-given talents by getting involved in extracurriculars.

The timeline below will help keep you on track.

*(Updated: 8/2025)*

| **WHEN** | **WHAT** | **WHO** |
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| Sophomore Year  (ongoing) | **Transition to High School**  Focus on adjusting academically and socially. Work hard, especially in core classes (English, Math, Science, History, and World Languages), and get help if needed. Explore ways to invest your time outside of the classroom: clubs, sports, fine arts, volunteer work, etc. | Students |
| September | **Freshman and Sophomore College Kick-Off Night**  Initial overview of college admissions process and college counseling services available to you throughout your high school years.  *(Date To Be Announced)* | Students, Parents, College Counselors |
| **Create your Scoir Account**  If you have not already, create your [Scoir.com](http://scoir.com) account and begin using it as a tool to explore. You may take personality, college, and career assessments, explore colleges and universities, and search through resources provided by the College Counselors. | Students with support from College Counselors |
| October | **Standardized Testing: PSAT**  This practice test offered through College Board is administered during the school day at Landmark. It is taken 9th-11th grade and serves as a practice for the SAT. | Students |
| **National Christian College Fair**  On **October 27,** Landmark will host the Southwest Atlanta National Christian College Fair. Over 40 colleges from across the country will be in attendance.  Register at [findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs](http://findyourchristiancollege.com/college-fairs) | Students, Parents, Admissions Reps |
| August - November | **College Admission Rep Visits**  Attend presentations and visits when College Admission representatives visit Landmark during the school day. These will take place during lunch and study hall periods. | Students |
| February | **AICS Case Study**  This program provides insight into the college process through hands-on activities. Students participate in a mock admissions study led by Admissions Counselors, while parents receive guidance from college partners. The event concludes with a fair of 75+ colleges in attendance.  *(Details + Registration TBA.)*  For more info, visit [atlantacasestudies.com](http://atlantacasestudies.com) | Students, Parents, Admissions Reps |
| February - March | **Course Registration & High School Planning Q&A Sessions**  Prepare to attend one Q&A session (offered virtually and in-person) to discuss upcoming course registration and ask any questions related to college planning. | Parents, Principal, Registrar, College Counselors |
| March - April | **Course Advising Meetings and Registration**  Keep an eye on your portal messages and student email addresses for information regarding your course registration meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss your specific course selections for the upcoming school year.  *Registration will take place in the month of April.* | Students, Registrar, College Counselors |
| April | **Standardized Testing: Pre-ACT**  This practice test offered through ACT is administered during the school day at Landmark. It is taken 9th and 10th grade and serves as practice for the ACT. | Students |
| Second Semester (ongoing) | **Summer Enrichment Planning**  Consider participating in summer enrichment programs and actively seek out opportunities to grow in areas that are of interest to you - whether it’s career, service, hobby, or college-focused. | Students, with support from College Counselors and Parents |
| **Crafting your Resume**  Reflecting on the past year, begin steps for crafting your college resume. Make a spreadsheet to keep track of academics, awards, honors, leadership, extracurriculars, service, fine arts, etc. Keep it accessible so you may refer back to it in the years to come. |
| **College Exploration**  Begin researching colleges that interest you. Utilize Scoir as a tool available to you in your exploring, and |

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