

How To Schedule a College Visit:

****Be sure to let Mrs. Moore know the dates of your college visit prior to the absence. ****

- Call the college and let them know what date you plan to visit. They should receive your call at least 2 weeks prior to your visit. October is usually a busy month
- Let the college know what major(s) and special interests you would like to pursue. Ask them to set up a visit with a professor or sit in on a class.
- Ask them what time you need to be there to receive a tour of their campus. Some schools have set times for tours-other schools are flexible.
- If you need financial assistance to pay for college, you will want to meet with someone in the financial aid office.
- If this is an institution that requires interviews, you will want to arrange for this to happen as well.
- If this institution does not require an interview, you may want to still stop in the admissions office and introduce yourself to the director of admissions or the representative for your region. Remember you want them to associate a name with a face.
- Many colleges assist families with overnight arrangements. If you need assistance, please ask. Friday and Saturday nights are usually not an option.
- Be sure to ask them what time you need to be on campus, where you need to go when you arrive, and how to reach any destination you are unsure of finding. Many colleges will send you a map with a confirmation letter prior to your visit.
- Arrange to meet with students and talk with them. They can give you the best perspective of a college.
- Eat in the cafeteria. It gives you not just a taste of the food but also the culture of the school.

Helpful hints:

- Be prompt.
- Dress appropriately. You do not need to be in your Sunday best, but do not wear short shorts, torn jeans, skimpy tops, or t-shirts with suggestive logos or t-shirts from another college.
- Have your list of questions ready and write things down. You will not remember everything.
- Be prepared to talk about yourself and what is attracting you to the college.
- Pay attention and see if you can envision yourself in this environment.
- Be sure to get a verification of the visit from the school so that you can turn it in for an excused absence upon your return to school.