

Sophomore/Freshman – Things to Remember

August/September

- ☐ Work with your counselor to verify and adjust your graduation plan and course options.
 - ☐ Inform your counselor that you are planning to attend postsecondary education in order for your schedule of classes to include college preparatory classes.
- ☐ Start the habit of reviewing the admission requirements for the colleges you might consider attending upon graduation.
- ☐ Become involved in clubs and organizations in your school and community. Colleges look for students who are involved, have a highly developed talent or skill, and have attained leadership positions.
- ☐ Students with documented special testing needs should register for extended time on college entrance exams during their sophomore year. See your guidance office for details.

To Do

What's Needed	Due Date	Contact Person	Completed

October/November/December

- ☐ Improve your computer skills and ability to take notes and prepare for exams.
- ☐ Prepare for college entrance exams by registering and attending preparation courses: PSAT, PLAN, SAT, and ACT.
- ☐ Work with your counselor to verify your second term choices.

January/February

- ☐ Work with your parents and counselor to verify/update the courses in which you are pre-registered for the next school year.
- ☐ Review the PSAT test results with your counselor.

March/April

- ☐ Begin to research general information on colleges and universities that you are considering.
- ☐ Explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities so that you will know what is expected of you far in advance of your senior year.

May

- ☐ Make plans, if necessary, for credit recovery, credit acceleration or retake standardized tests in summer school.

Summer

- ☐ Take advantage of summer opportunities: volunteer, academic, athletic, jobs, and camps.
- ☐ Visit colleges and look for summer enrichment programs held on college campuses. Colleges look for students who use their summer to develop themselves academically and socially.