

Freshman: Calendar and Checklist Important Dates and Deadlines

FIRST SEMESTER

- Check graduation requirements to ensure that you are taking the necessary courses to meet graduation requirements and your post-secondary options.
- Develop a serious attitude toward your studies. Grade point average and class rank are important considerations for your acceptance into most colleges. Your GPA counts!
- Develop good study habits. If you find yourself struggling with your studies at any point during your freshman year, consult with your teacher, and then check with the Counseling Office for study skills assistance.
- Set personal goals for academic achievement. Evaluate and re-assess your goals frequently. Ensure that you are actively working toward your goals.
- Plan ahead for your major project deadlines and your semester exams.
- Listen to the daily announcements and watch for special programs available for freshman.
- Select extra-curricular activities, clubs and organizations that interest you and
- **GET INVOLVED!**
- Begin a resume- Your resume (which includes academic achievements, awards, honors, GPA, leadership positions and school/community activities) becomes very important when you apply for jobs, special programs, colleges, universities, career or technical schools, and scholarships.
- Remember – The Counseling Office is here to help you in any way we can. Contact your counselor if you have any concerns – whether they are personal, academic or career related.

SECOND SEMESTER

- Continue exploring careers and post high school options. Visit the Counseling Office and set up appointment for career information, self assessment, and career exploration.
- Review your 4-year plan. Select courses for next year that are compatible with your college and career goals. You will be taking the standardized test with all 9th graders.
- Do your best! The results will provide additional information regarding your academic strengths, and identify areas that you may want to improve upon.
- Plan ahead for major project deadlines and your semester exams.
- Read as much and as widely as you can during the summer ahead. Set aside time for reading every day. A wide variety of reading material will benefit you in your course work next year.