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| **Grade 9**  |  |
| **September**  | ❏ Take Challenging courses. Plan to take courses in these subject areas for the next four years. ❏ 4 years of English ❏ 3 years of Social Studies (4 years for Honors Diploma) ❏ 4 years of Math (Alg. 2) ❏ 3-4 years of Science (Lab Sciences- Chemistry and/or physics) ❏ 2-4 years of Foreign Language in the same language ❏ 1 year of Fine Arts ❏ 1/2 credit Financial Literacy  |
| **October**  | ❏ Get involved in extra-curricular and club activities ❏ Use school resources to explore career interests - SchooLinks |
| **December** | ❏ Attend College Credit Plus meeting❏ Attend 9th Grade College Planning meeting |
| **January**  | ❏ Get involved in extra-curricular and club activities❏ Study for semester exams ❏ Take part in career interest inventory with your counselor  |
| **March**  | ❏ Finalize courses for next year. Have a conversation with your parents and current teachers about honors or AP courses.  |
| **April**  | ❏ Register for summer school, summer workshops, and enrichment programs ❏ Meet with counselor about planning for college or attend a college planning ❏ Attend the NACAC college fair  |
| **May**  | ❏ Study for final exams!!!  |
| **Summer Months**  | ❏ Visit colleges, volunteer for community service, begin job shadowing. ❏ Work and save money for college  |

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| **Grade 10**  |  |
| **September**  | ❏ Get involved in extracurricular and club activities. ❏ Attend the College Fair  |
| **November** | ❏ Attend 10 Grade College Planning meeting |
| **December** | ❏ Attend College Credit Plus meeting❏ Study for exams!! |
| **January**  | ❏ Review transcript and cumulative grade point average.  |
| **March**  | ❏ Research ACT/SAT prep courses ❏ Review class selection for next year ❏ Possibly register for ACT/SAT  |
| **April**  | ❏ Pre-register for summer school; workshops/enrichment programs ❏ Take the PSAT-10❏ Attend NACAC College Fair  |
| **May**  | ❏ Review results for PSAT-10❏ Study for final exams!!!  |
| **Summer Months**  | ❏ Use College Board account to prepare for PSAT❏ Visit colleges ❏ Possibly take ACT/SAT ❏ Community Service ❏ Job Shadowing or work ❏ Save money for college  |

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| **Grade 11** |
| **September**  | ❏ Sign up for extra-curricular and club activities – Take on Leadership Role❏ Sign up & attend sessions w/ college reps who visit your high school❏ Think about goals, reasons for attending college and career plans❏ Register for the PSAT/NMSQT❏ Attend the College Fair ❏ Attend Financial Aid Meeting |
| **October**  | ❏ Take the PSAT/NMSQT ❏ Sign up & attend sessions with college reps who visit your school (list is in Naviance) ❏ Attend the 11th Grade College Planning meeting❏ Get early financial estimate. Go to net price calculator on college websites. |
| **November**  | ❏ Consider important factors for college: 2/4 year, location, cost, atmosphere, etc. |
| **December**  | ❏ Do practice questions for ACT/SAT❏ Register for ACT/SAT❏ Attend a College Credit Plus meeting❏ Study for exams |
| **January**  | ❏ Review PSAT results with counselor❏ Review updated transcript with cumulative grade point average❏ Register for ACT/SAT❏ Take ACT/SAT |
| **February**  | ❏ Search college websites❏ Plan college visits❏ Register for ACT/SAT |
| **March**  | ❏ Review classes for next year. Select challenging classes that meet college requirements.❏ Review transcript/course requests to make sure all graduation requirements will be met.❏ Create a file for each college that you may be interested in.❏ College visit during spring break |
| **April**  | ❏ College search – college visits❏ Pre-register for summer school, workshops, etc.❏ Create community service opportunities for summer❏ Attend the 11th Grade College Application meeting❏ Attend College Fair❏ Take the SAT at school❏ Get Common App essay prompts |
| **May**  | ❏ Prepare for exams ❏ Take SAT❏ Compare schools you have collected information about. |
| **Summer****Months** | ❏ Narrow down college options to 5 – 7 schools. Try to visit schools.❏ Take ACT/SAT❏ Work on college essay |

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| **Grade 12**  |
| **September**  | ❏ Create your Common App account❏ Register for ACT/SAT ❏ Know financial aid and college deadlines ❏ Sign up and attend sessions with college reps that attend your school ❏ Request letters of recommendation from teachers/counselors ❏ Attend the College Fair ❏ Search for scholarship information (MeritAid.com, FastWeb.com, PrincetonReview.com, Columbus Foundation website) ❏ College Visits ❏ Attend a financial aid meeting (FAFSA meeting) ❏ Attend 12th Grade College Planning meeting ❏ Continue to fill out college applications – Submit when finished!!  |
| **October**  | ❏ Apply for Admission ❏ Sign up and attend college reps visits at your high school (sign up in Naviance) ❏ Begin to fill out FAFSA – go to: FAFSA.GOV, studentaid.gov❏ Register to get a FSA ID – Student & one parent must have one. FSAID.ed.gov ❏ GOAL: TURN IN ALL APPLICATIONS!!! Be aware of early application deadlines  |
| **November**  | ❏ College interview (some colleges require an interview) ❏ Practice for college interview❏ Fill out scholarship applications |
| **December**  | ❏ Begin looking at local scholarships |
| **January**  | ❏ Request mid-year reports to be sent to colleges (if required) ❏ Research local scholarships |
| **February**  | ❏ Review SAR Report (Student Aid Report) ❏ Review all financial aid report from colleges; loan programs ❏ Fill our local scholarship applications |
| **March**  | ❏ Review financial packages sent from colleges  |
| **April**  | ❏ Decision month – send deposit to college you plan to attend  |
| **May**  | ❏ Respond to colleges. Typical deadline is May 1 if you plan to enroll. ❏ Notify your school Guidance Office of decision. ❏ Request for final transcript to be sent to your college of choice. ❏ Request college transcripts to be sent to the college you plan to attend. |