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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. |