



**FRESHMAN CALENDAR**

<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Begin and continue a thorough self-examination of your abilities and interests.</li> <li>- Study hard and get good grades. Set your academic goals now.</li> <li>- Think about careers.</li> <li>- Try a sport, club or other activity. (the more unique the better – but something you enjoy)</li> <li>- Begin your resume</li> <li>- READ!</li> </ul>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan and become involved in extracurricular activities, clubs, etc.</li> <li>- Position yourself for leadership in at least one area.</li> <li>- Keep up your grades. Be sure teachers know you care.</li> <li>- READ as much as you can. This has a huge effect on your vocabulary, hence your standardized test results.</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate the kinds of education available: two-year colleges, four-year colleges, universities, professional schools and more.</li> <li>- What are your college-related goals? Are you interested in the top tier, most selective schools?</li> <li>- Talk to your counselor about your ideas and ask questions. Get to know them as well as your teachers.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If not already done, start a checklist of personal preferences in selecting colleges: selectivity, size, location, etc.</li> <li>- Start your list of 10-12 target schools (It will likely change several times.)</li> <li>- READ over break!</li> <li>- Fill your spare time with community service, volunteer work and activities. (This will all go on your college apps.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Think about college visits.</li> <li>- Keep up your grades. Freshman year DOES count!</li> <li>- READ!</li> </ul>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit nearby campuses if you are interested in local schools.</li> <li>- Keep up your grades. Do extra credit whenever possible. Strive for A's and B's in all classes.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Put forth your best effort! (improvement counts)</li> <li>- Plan a challenging schedule for next year. Colleges look for indications that each student has tried to take the strongest possible course of study.</li> </ul>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plan a productive summer – community service, volunteer work, extra classes, sports camp, summer school, unusual experience, job, etc.</li> <li>- Talk to your counselor about what might help your resume.</li> </ul>
<p><b>MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study hard for final exams.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a fun and productive summer!</li> </ul>		