

# College-Planning Timeline for CHS Students



## Freshman Year

- Focus on studies – 1/3 of GPA set after this year!
- Get involved in school activities
- Do volunteer work
- Track all activities (create a student resume)
- May take the PSAT (practice SAT) in fall
- Attend Freshmen Group Conferences with guidance counselor (held beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR)

## Sophomore Year

- Focus on studies – 2/3 of GPA set after this year!
- Get involved in school activities; complete volunteer work
- Add activities, service, and awards to student resume
- May take the PSAT (practice SAT) in fall
- Attend Sophomore Group Conferences with guidance counselor (held mid-end of 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR)
- Attend College & Career Fair at CHS in March

## Junior Year

- Focus on studies – colleges use GPA at end of jr year for general admissions!
- Get involved in school activities; complete volunteer work
- Add activities, service, and awards to student resume
- Take the PSAT (practice SAT) in fall – National Merit Qualifying test
- Parents: Attend Junior College Planning Night at CHS in fall; NCAA Informational Night in fall (if student-athlete)
- Take the ACT and/or SAT
- Attend individual Junior Conference with guidance counselor (held beginning of 3<sup>rd</sup> QTR)
- Research colleges and majors/careers
- Attend College & Career Fair at CHS in March
- Go on official campus visits – contact college admissions office

## Senior Year

- Focus on studies – colleges may request sr year semester grades and will receive final transcript
- Get involved in school activities; complete volunteer work
- Add activities, service, and awards to student resume
- Attend individual Senior Conference with guidance counselor (held during 1<sup>st</sup> QTR)
- Parents: Attend Senior College Night at CHS in Fall
- Complete college applications (online) – Turn in Request for Transcript form to guidance
- Student responsible for completing all sections/supplementals of application and knowing important deadlines regarding early decision, early action, regular admissions
- Research/apply for available scholarships through college/university- Typically Nov or Dec 1 deadline for automatic/merit-based and/or other special scholarships
- Look at CHS Scholarship Update – given to advisor and posted on guidance webpage
- May choose to re-take ACT and/or SAT
- Parents: Attend Financial Aid Meeting at CHS in fall
- Complete FAFSA (free application for student aid)– check deadline for college
- Look at CHS Local Scholarships – typically available in Feb – given to advisor or posted on guidance webpage
- Determine college/university you want to attend by May 1
- Guidance office automatically sends final transcript to college/university once grades are official (June)