

# FRESHMAN CHECKLIST

## AUGUST

- Students and parents participate in 9th Grade Orientation. Students meet their Peer Leaders and 9th Grade Counselor.
- Students receive schedule for upcoming year.

## SEPTEMBER

- Students meet staff, administrators and teachers during Orientation.
- Stop by and say hello to your new counselor!
  - Students start classes and are encouraged to utilize all available building level supports in an effort to actualize their academic potential. (Academy Period, NHS tutoring, Support Classes, Counselor Meetings, Teacher Meetings et al...)
  - Be aware of appropriate courses/workload and course add/drop dates.

## OCTOBER

- Students meet staff, administrators and teachers during Orientation
- Participation in high school activities and/or volunteer efforts: Pelham HS has a Service Learning Graduation Requirement of 40 hours.
  - Remember: quality over quantity
  - 9th Grade field trip
  - Check course Drop Date

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- Student progress monitored; MTSS team meet as necessary.

## JANUARY

- Finding Balance Information Night
  - Check school calendar for posted date.
- HS & MS Counseling Staff visit 8th grade classes to explain/explore HS course options.
- Student progress monitored; MTSS team meet as necessary.

## FEBRUARY

- If you plan to ask for testing accommodations for the PSAT, be sure your eligibility is approved by College Board. Ask your counselor if this applies to you.
- Freshman Planning Seminars begin.
- 9th graders course selections made: Meet your new counselor!
- Student progress monitored; MTSS team meet as necessary.
- Infinite Campus Portal will open to display the student course selections for parents and students to view.

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## MARCH

- Parents will receive an email communication requesting that they complete a final review of their child's course selection in the Infinite Campus Portal.
- Bridge students identified and recommended.
- Student progress monitored; MTSS team meet as necessary.
- Freshman Planning Seminars continue.

## MAY/JUNE

- CSE Annual Reviews and 504 meetings for both 8th and 9th grade Special Education students.
- Student progress monitored; MTSS team meet as necessary.