



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