



As you begin your high school career you are laying the academic foundation for your future. Consider what your passions are, what you like to do and your future goals. There are many opportunities offered at the high school. Take advantage of the educators and resources that are available to you.

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FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Get organized and establish good study habits. -Study for your tests and make the highest grades possible. -Set a goal and write it down. Here is a guide to SMART goal setting. -Check your “Class of” Canvas course for information and announcements. -Attend tutorials or study sessions if you need some help. Check your Canvas courses or ask your teachers when they are available for extra help. -Get involved in clubs and organizations. -Start building your resume. It’s never too early to begin. Hint*Create a new note labeled ‘resume’ in your phone. Then, each time you participate in an event, win an award or complete a academic or extracurricular task, write it in your resume notes. It will be convenient to access and will allow you to quickly add it to your resume. You can also keep up with this on a google doc if you prefer. -Track your service hours in track it forward. -Complete an interest inventory to start narrowing your career interests - click HERE. -Take the PSAT in October. It is optional for 9th graders with a minimal fee. -Review your PSAT scores from 8th grade and connect your test to Khan Academy to start studying. Clever also has free study materials linked to your school account. The more you study now the less you will need to cram later. Click HERE to access your PSAT scores in the College Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Course selection - consider taking advanced classes if you didn’t take them this year. Advanced courses give you quality points that can give you a GPA advantage. Review the course catalog link for a full list of course offerings. -Talk to your counselors about IB and advanced academics and your options for 10th grade. -Keep up with your organization and study habits. The last months of the school year seem to go by quickly. You will have EOCs and possibly AP tests along with your busy schedule. -Continue to add your activities to your resume. -Continue to log volunteer hours on track it forward. -Reflect on your accomplishments for the year and with a little extra time, consider making a bulb portfolio to document your year. You can add your resume notes along with video, voice-overs and samples of your work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Volunteer and track your hours on track it forward. -Take time to read. It will help increase your stamina and concentration along with increasing your vocabulary and reading rate. This will greatly benefit you on the PSAT, ACT, SAT and any other tests that you will take in the future. -Research armed forces, colleges and technical schools and sign up for virtual tours. Request information from the ones you are most interested in. -Interested in service academies. Begin your research here. -If possible, look for a job or volunteer internship opportunities in a field of interest. -Continue exploring career and college options through Texas Career Check -If you have the option, sign up for a college visit or tour during the summer. Even visiting a local college or university can put you on track to understanding what your priorities when it’s time to make the decision. -Don’t forget it’s never too early to start applying for scholarships! Here are some helpful resources.