



The Sophomore year is full of academic and extracurricular decisions. From scheduling electives that interest you to prioritizing your activities. Take advantage of the opportunities available to you and build relationships with your teachers. They are an invaluable resource for guidance and recommendations.

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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 new goal and write it down. Here is a guide to SMART goal setting. -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 and consider running for leadership positions. -Continue building your resume. -Track your service hours in track it forward. -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. -Take the PSAT in October. You will automatically be registered as a 10th grader. -Review your PSAT scores from 8th/9th 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 11th grade. -Keep up 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. -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 -Don't forget it's never too early to start applying for scholarships! Here are some helpful resources.