

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Summer
9th Grade	Concentrate on doing well in academics, developing good social skills and becoming involved in special interest activities. Learn from your teachers, counselors and older students how to get the most out of your education at North.	Meet with counselor to review academic progress and develop a three-year educational plan.	Continue to work on your academic, Extra-curricular, and social goals	Read, read, read. Write, write, and write. Practice, practice, practice your vocabulary and math skills.
10th Grade	Learn to use the Library and Guidance resources as well as the Guidance Website Homepage and General Great Neck Public Schools Webpage: http://www.greatneck.k12.ny.us/ Consider taking the PSAT Exam if appropriate.	Meet with your counselor to review your academic progress and to plan your junior year program. Participate in Career exploration inventory.	Continue to work on your academic, Extra-curricular, and social goals Be alert for summer enrichment program opportunities at colleges open to high school students.	Take advantage of enriching and challenging summer opportunities. Consult the Guidance website for suggestions.
11th Grade	Attend informational meeting with your counselor regarding the PSATs and College Planning. Register for PSAT.	Review PSAT results with counselor. Register for SATs/ACTs. Attend College Planning Sessions for Students and for Parents Attend College Admissions Panel Discussion.	Meet with your counselor to develop list of colleges that meet your criteria. Take SATs, ACTs	Practice standardized testing if not satisfied with scores. Visit college campuses. Participate in summer program of choice.
12th Grade	Attend Mini-College Fairs and attend college representative presentations. Meet with your counselor regularly to finalize list of colleges and begin to submit applications. Retake SAT/ACT to improve scores, if necessary.	Meet with your counselor well in advance of application deadlines. Request testing agencies to send your standardized testing score report to the colleges of your choice. Continue your academic effort at a high level. Make sure your semester grades are mailed to colleges, if required	Finalize decision regarding which college to attend. Notify colleges of your decision. Make deposit and arrange for final grades to be sent to the college of your choice.	CONGRATULATIONS YOU MADE IT!

