

## **COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE**

### **9<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- Enroll in appropriately challenging courses (and do your best)
- Find school or community activities that match your interests (clubs, sports, service, hobbies)
- Complete 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Autobiography and Naviance goal; explore Self-Discovery exercises
- Choose an appropriately challenging Sophomore year schedule
- Be productive in summer; Read often

### **10<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

- Enroll in appropriately challenging courses (and do your best)
- Continue to get involved in school or community (clubs, athletics, service, hobbies, jobs)
- Take Pre-ACT in Spring
- Choose an appropriately challenging Junior year schedule
- Complete 10th Grade Autobiography and Naviance *Personality Inventory*
- Begin to research majors, careers, colleges
- Parents & Students: Attend 10th Grade College Admission Workshop
- Visit colleges in summer; be productive; READ

### **11<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Fall)**

- Continue to get involved in school or community activities
- Use Naviance *College Match* to find/research colleges; share Naviance list with counselor
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October
- Meet with college reps in Guidance
- Counselors review PSAT results in class and individually as needed
- Attend EHS Parent Financial Aid Night
- DO YOUR BEST IN SCHOOL

### **11<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Spring)**

- Parents & Students: Attend 11th Grade College Admission Workshop
- Complete 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Autobiography
- Schedule individual college meeting with Counselor
- Discuss SAT/ACT testing/prep plan w/Counselor
- Take ACT and/or SAT
- Choose appropriately challenging senior year classes
- Continue to explore Naviance, research/visit colleges
- Prospective D1 and D2 athletes, register with NCAA Clearinghouse
- Follow 'summer checklist' in classroom re: ACT/SAT, prep, College Guide, college essays & more
- Engage in productive summer activities; keep reading

### **12<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Fall)**

- Counselors meet with seniors to review application instructions and process
- Finalize college list and begin to APPLY
- Retake ACT / SAT if needed (or in summer, if prepared)
- Ongoing individual meetings w/Counselor to review/tweak ALL parts of applications, essays, teacher recs, etc.
- Continue to demonstrate interest at College visits, College Fairs, Open Houses, EHS visits
- Begin to apply for Financial Aid Oct 1st; Attend EHS Financial Aid Night
- Complete Naviance *Career Cluster Finder*
- Submit applications (with Counselor if needed)
- Search/apply for scholarships

### **12<sup>th</sup> GRADE (Spring)**

- Re-visit colleges where accepted
- Apply for local scholarships
- Commit to enroll (by May 1st)
- Depart for WISE

*Please always let us know how we can help!*

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