

CANTERBURY COLLEGE COUNSELING

FRESHMAN TIMELINE

Know Your Learning Style

Ninth grade is a big year. Teacher expectations in high school are different than they were in middle school. Students should determine what is needed to be organized and successful. Consider the following:

- **assess how you learn**
- **use a planner to keep track of assignments, due dates, etc.**
- **create detailed notes**
- **ask teachers questions about what you don't understand**
- **consider how you successfully study**

Establish Goals for Your High School Experience

What do you want from your high school experience? Think ahead. As a senior, how would you like to summarize your time in high school? Now is the time to start on your desired path. Challenge yourself academically. Get involved. The choices you make will affect your future college and career options.

Familiarize Yourself with Scoir

Scoir is an online platform that can be helpful in a variety of ways.

Create a college list based on selected criteria *the 'Discover' icon*

- **Select criteria (*i.e. Academic Focus, Location, Degree, Size & Setting*) that is important to you to find colleges that fit your profile**
- **Select the "Follow" flag to save colleges of interest to a list of colleges you would like to follow**

Compare colleges *under the 'Me' icon (top of Scoir home page)*

Attend College Visits

Colleges schedule on-campus visits in the fall. All Upper School students are eligible to register to attend. Even if students do not have a college list, chatting with various college representatives may offer useful insight about qualities that are important in developing a college list.

- **What are the college's top academic programs?**
- **What does it mean to attend a large university or a small college?**
- **What is student life like on campus?**
- **What do students do outside of class? Are there activities on campus on the weekend?**

Apply for Scholarships

Not all scholarships are limited to seniors. There are scholarship opportunities available for any students of high school age. Check out the websites below.

- **Going Merry**
- **Niche**
- **Scholarships.com**
- **Unigo**

Enjoy Freshman Year!

You have made it to high school! You are in charge of making it a positive experience.

- **Be engaged in the classroom and your extracurricular activities. (*This could lead to future leadership opportunities!*)**
- **Ask for help. Don't wait until feeling overwhelmed.**
- **Check out colleges that visit campus**
- **Periodically assess if you are on track to meet your goals**