Freshman Timeline

FALL SEMESTER

- Review your course schedule once emailed out, and double check that your courses are preparing you to complete graduation requirements. Discuss any potential changes with the Guidance Counselor.
- Do work you are proud of – all classes in 9th grade contribute to your cumulative GPA that you will use to apply to college in the future.
- Utilize Freshman Seminar to it's fullest. Take assignments seriously as you learn study skills and prepare for future years in high school and beyond.
- Complete Xello lessons.
- Take the in-school PSAT in October.
- Begin/continue researching college and career options.
- Attend virtual or in-person college fairs.
- Get involved, both on-campus and off. Colleges look for students who have been continuously involved in something they are passionate about - whether this is volunteering in the community, involvement in school events or taking on leadership roles.
- PSAT results will be available online in November, using your College Board account (students who have not yet created a College Board account are encouraged to do so). Results can be used to prepare for the SAT by reviewing your scores and studying for areas you'd like to improve. Khan Academy can be a great resource.

SPRING SEMESTER

- Review your second semester schedule. Discuss any changes with the Guidance Counselor.
- Intercession – get involved and remember to note what you did and learned in your "Experiences" section of Xello.
- Plan your sophomore year courses. Select classes that will help you meet the entrance requirements for your top colleges and/or further explore your career interests. Registration presentations and course selection will take place during the Spring.
- Continue exploring college and career options.
- Visit colleges that interest you.
- Finish strong! Make sure you are proud of your grades.
- Plan to use your summer wisely, such as volunteering, working, doing an internship or job shadow, participating in meaningful activities, or taking a summer course at Puget Sound Skills Center.