



## *Freshman Year*

### **Fall: August – December**

- Find activities (clubs, sports) to get involved and explore your interests
  - Focus more on the **QUALITY** of your involvement, not the quantity of activities you're in
- Set academic goals for each semester
- Make an appointment with your school counselor so they can get to know you.
- Register for AP Tests (if applicable)
- Review the [Program Planning Guide](#) to assist with future course selection
  - Look at all options, including [Dual Credit](#) & [TCD](#)
- Start thinking about your 4-Year Plan

### **Winter: January – February**

- Continue to make academics a priority
- Use SchoolLinks to explore careers & colleges
  - [College Search Tool](#) (And [Understanding Scattergrams](#))
  - [Planning Assessments / Interest Inventories](#)
- Enter your course selection into SchoolLinks
  - Afterward, meet with your counselor for Course Verification

### **Spring: March – May**

- Take the PreACT 8/9
  - This will help prepare you for the SAT you will take during Junior Year
- Finish Freshman Year strong!
  - Grades = Money in the eyes of colleges

### **Summer: June – July**

- If you're going somewhere over the summer, consider stopping by a college campus
  - [On-Campus Visit Tips](#) are also available
- Make sure that your [Student Profile in SchoolLinks](#) is up-to-date
- Looking for something to do over the summer? Consider getting a part-time job, volunteering, or attending a pre-college program.