

# Freshman Year Calendar

## ACADEMIC

- Make a list of academic and personal goals.
- Build strong academic, language, mathematics and critical thinking skills by taking challenging courses.
- Study hard and get excellent grades.
- Strengthen your vocabulary by increasing your reading.

## COLLEGE PREP

- Start building your resume by becoming involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, community service, youth leadership programs, etc.
  - Become involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities
  - Keep an academic portfolio and extra-curricular co-curricular record
- Meet your high school guidance counselor and discuss your plans for the next four years.
- Get to know your teachers. Future writers of recommendations need to know you beside a face in their class.
- Visit the Career Center and browse through college literature.
- Check out website for the colleges that interest you.
  - What are their admission requirements?
  - Are you taking the right kind of courses right now?
  - Do the schools have the major you are considering?
- Visit [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) to learn the requirements for playing NCAA sports in college.
- Start a filing system to organize all the information you will receive from colleges and other agencies.

## FINANCIAL AID

- Start talking to you parents about who is going to pay for future schooling. How much money is available?
- Start researching scholarships!
  - Which scholarships are available to apply for senior year?
  - Can you join a club/community organization that offers a scholarship to its members?
- Begin saving money for college.