

# SOPHOMORE YEAR CALENDAR

*Concentrate on academic preparation and continue to develop basic skills and extra-curricular and co-curricular interests.*

## SEPTEMBER

- Start building a list of colleges/universities to consider. Attend a college fair at Purdue Northwest (Westville or Hammond) or at Portage High School. If interested in the trades, log on to [www. Webuildnwi.com](http://www.Webuildnwi.com) for more information.

## OCTOBER

- PSAT given. All sophomores will take the PSAT. The results will not be used for college admission.
- Sign up, if you have not done so already, for extra-curricular or co-curricular activities that interest you. The level of involvement and accomplishment is most important, not the number of activities. Try to narrow down your activities to 2 or 3.
- Keep a record of your involvement, volunteer work, and employment (all year). Keep building your resume!
- End of the first quarter! Be sure your grades are where they need to be. If not, talk to your teacher about getting help before or after school, or during SRT.

## NOVEMBER

- Make sure you are “on top” of your academic work. If needed, meet with your teachers, make an appointment at the tutor lab (Open Monday through Friday 7-3:30), or attend Tutoring Tuesdays every Tuesday from 3-4 in the library.
- Sign up for Career and Technical Center open houses. CHS will provide field trips on two separate occasions.

## DECEMBER

- During December you will get the results of your PSAT. Read materials sent with your score report to explore ways to improve on future standardized tests. If needed, schedule a meeting with your counselor to go over these results.
- End of first semester!

## JANUARY

- You will meet with your counselor to schedule classes for your junior year. You have more options: Career and Technical classes, AP and/or Dual Credit classes, and IB. Choose classes in line with your plans after high school update your academic goals.
- Use the results from Naviance to find electives that are in your career cluster.
- Choose electives wisely! Read the Course Description Book, talk to other students who have had the class, meet with the teachers who teach the class to get a syllabus.
- Keep studying! Keep track of your GPA and class rank.

## FEBRUARY

- It is never too early to start researching colleges and universities. Visit the Career Center to browse through literature. Utilize Naviance for career and college information.
- Check out admission requirements and other information of the schools’ websites.
- Search organizations for volunteer opportunities.

## MARCH

- End of the third grading period!
- Scheduling requests are closed on Skyward. You may still request changes for your classes next year by making an appointment with your counselor.

## **APRIL**

- Continue working hard in your classes! You are in the home stretch!

## **MAY**

- Plan now for summer options:
  - Look into getting a part-time job
  - Volunteer or community service opportunities
  - Participate in a special program (e.g.: Purdue engineering programs, camp counselor, art programs, etc.)
  - Plan for college visits (have a list of questions to ask)

## **JUNE**

- If you did not pass a core subject, sign up for summer school. Classes are FREE!