

 **FRESHMAN CALENDAR**

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| **SEPTEMBER**- Begin and continue a thorough self-examination of your abilities and interests.- Study hard and get good grades. Set your academic goals now.- Think about careers.- Try a sport, club or other activity. (the more unique the better – but something you enjoy)- Begin your resume - READ! | **OCTOBER**- Plan and become involved in extracurricular activities, clubs, etc. - Position yourself for leadership in at least one area.- Keep up your grades. Be sure teachers know you care.- READ as much as you can. This has a huge effect on your vocabulary, hence your standardized test results. | **NOVEMBER**- Investigate the kinds of education available: two-year colleges, four-year colleges, universities, professional schools and more.- What are your college-related goals? Are you interested in the top tier, most selective schools?- Talk to your counselor about your ideas and ask questions. Get to know them as well as your teachers. | **DECEMBER**- If not already done, start a checklist of personal preferences in selecting colleges: selectivity, size, location, etc.- Start your list of 10-12 target schools (It will likely change several times.)- READ over break!- Fill your spare time with community service, volunteer work and activities. (This will all go on your college apps.) |
| **JANUARY**- Think about college visits.- Keep up your grades. Freshman year DOES count!- READ! | **FEBRUARY**- Visit nearby campuses if you are interested in local schools. - Plan a challenging schedule for next year. Colleges look for indications that each student has tried to take the strongest possible course of study.  | **MARCH**- Put forth your best effort!(improvement counts) - Keep up your grades. Do extra credit whenever possible. Strive for A’s and B’s in all classes. | **APRIL**- Plan a productive summer – community service, volunteer work, extra classes, sports camp, summer school, unusual experience, job, etc.- Talk to your counselor about what might help your resume.  |
| **MAY**- Study hard for final exams.  | **JUNE**-Have a fun and productive summer! | **VISIT THE****CAREER****CENTER IN****YOUR****HIGH SCHOOL!** |  |