

**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!** |  |