

Freshmen Year

Fall: August – December

- Find activities (clubs, sports) to get involved and explore your interests
 - o 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
 - o 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 SchooLinks to explore careers & colleges
 - o College Search Tool (And Understanding Scattergrams)
 - o Planning Assessments / Interest Inventories
- Enter your course selection into SchooLinks
 - o Afterward, meet with your counselor for Course Verification

Spring: March – May

- Take the PACT 8/9
 - o This will help prepare you for the ACT you will take during Junior Year
- Finish Freshmen Year strong!
 - o Grades = Money in the eyes of colleges

Summer: June - July

- If you're going somewhere over the summer, consider stopping by a college campus
 - o On-Campus Visit Tips are also available
- Make sure that your **Student Profile in SchooLinks** 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.

