

Planning Calendar for Sophomore Year

Sophomores should focus on developing effective study habits, maintaining good grades, and participating in extra-curricular activities. Courses should be challenging in order to be prepared for coursework after high school. Students should begin thinking about their future plans and start researching information on schools or opportunities that may be available after high school.

August

- Students should check their schedule to make sure all of their academic courses are scheduled
- Students should start the year with a concentrated effort on managing their time efficiently and developing effective study habits
- Students are strongly encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities

September

- Students struggling in a course should meet with his teacher and/or see his counselor for help in developing effective study skills
- The Counselor will meet with students to review last year's academic performance and preview the activities, events, and standardized tests for sophomore year

October

- Students should assess their study habits and continue to improve their skills
- The Counselor will distribute the PSAT materials
- Students should practice sample questions for the PSAT
- End of the First Quarter (November 4, 2016)
- Sophomores & Juniors will take the PSAT (Wednesday, October 19, 2016)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - (Tuesday, November 15, 2016)

November/December

- Students struggling in a course should meet with his teacher and/or see his counselor for help in developing effective study skills
- Students should work to maintain strong effort and have excellent attendance

January

- Students should now focus on their second semester courses and extra-curricular activities
- The Counselor will visit classes to review the results of the PSAT
www.collegeboard.com/quickstart (result sheet)

- The Counselor will hold a meeting to begin the course selection process for junior year (Late February or early March)
- End of the Second Quarter (January 24, 2017)

February/March

- Students struggling in a course should meet with his teacher and/or see his counselor for help in developing effective study skills

April

- Students struggling in a course should meet with his teacher and/or see his counselor for help in developing effective study skills
- End of the Third Quarter (April 4, 2017)

May

- Students should work to finish the year strong and make the 4th quarter their best quarter
- Students should be preparing for final exams
- Students enrolled in an Advance Placement course should verify all the course requirements

June

- Students should consider working and performing some community service
- Students should take some time for PSAT, ACT, and SAT preparation (see SATpractive.org to access Khan Academy)
- Students should research or visit college campuses that are of interest
- End of the Fourth Quarter (June 15, 2016-unless extended for snow days!)

July-August

- Students should be sure to complete their summer reading and assignments
- Students should continue college/career research

Important web links:

www.collegeboard.com For your SAT	http://www.nebhe.org/programs-overview/
http://web1.ncaa.org/	http://www.actstudent.org/ For your ACT
https://commonapp.org/Login	www.onetonline.org
www.SATpractive.org	www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips

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