

## **Freshmen (Grade 9)**

### **High School Planning Guide**

- Review your four-year high school plan with your guidance counselor.
- Map out courses that should be taken to fully prepare for college.
- Begin to develop good study and work habits. Always follow teacher directions and complete assignments on time. These “work attitudes” will serve you well throughout high school and college!
- Always seek out your teacher(s) when you don’t understand the lesson, homework assignments, etc. Teachers truly appreciate students who take the initiative!!
- Work with your guidance counselor on MyRoad.com.
- Begin college and scholarship searches and participate in any age-appropriate scholarship competitions, such as essay contests.
- Begin to consider career options, identifying strong interests as well as likes and dislikes.
- Become involved in school, church, and communities activities.
- Assume a leadership position when the opportunity arises. Leadership successes will be important to future college and scholarship opportunities.
- Meet with your guidance counselor in the spring to discuss next year’s course opportunities.

### **Timeline**

#### **September**

Start of the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period covering the first 10 weeks of school

Students receive 1<sup>st</sup> semester schedules in mail. All students are now required to take 3 credits plus 1/4 credit Physical Education each semester

Add/drop deadline for all classes - end of 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school

Freshmen Orientation - The student handbook outlining policies and procedures is covered in an assembly with the principal and guidance counselor

#### **October**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks of school. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Open House

#### **November**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 weeks of school. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

## **December**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 15 weeks of school. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Begin working with guidance counselor on MYROAD college and career planning software

## **January**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of school. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

Regents exams

Students receive 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedules in mail. All students are now required to take 3 credits plus 1/4 credit Physical Education each semester

## **February**

Upward Bound presentation

## **March**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks of the second semester. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Scheduling conferences begin

## **April**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 weeks of the second semester. Reports cards mailed to parents/guardians

## **May**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 15 weeks of the second semester. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Moving Up Day assembly

Armed Services Information day

## **June**

End of the second semester. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

Regents exams

Registration for summer school