

## Freshman College Planning Timeline

### Fall (September - November)

- ✓ Plan course roadmap from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- ✓ Pay attention to subject sequence/path
- ✓ Meet with school academic advisor
- ✓ Choose manageable and challenging classes
- ✓ Join school clubs and try new things
- ✓ Continue after school activities that you enjoy
- ✓ Create an email account for college application communications

### Winter (December - February)

- ✓ Participate in school organized or self-initiated community service activities
- ✓ Explore other charity opportunities in the community
- ✓ Discuss with parents about college planning and financing
- ✓ Save your best work such as award-winning papers in a designated Google Doc folder
- ✓ Balance academic work and social life (enjoy your holiday break 😊)

### Spring (March - May)

- ✓ Tour local universities and colleges to get a feel about different types of schools
- ✓ Join school organized service trips if possible
- ✓ Plan and apply summer camps/programs
- ✓ Solicit input on sophomore class schedule
- ✓ Self-evaluate your academic strength vs. weakness and personal interests/passion

### Summer (June - August)

- ✓ Take summer classes in academic area which needs to be improved
- ✓ Read lots of books to enhance your language skills
- ✓ Take community college classes if needed
- ✓ Attend a sleep-away camp or volunteer opportunity for at least one week
- ✓ Shadow someone who does what you may be interested
- ✓ Get a summer regular job (valued by admission officers, but overlooked by students)
- ✓ Visit colleges (register for info session and student-led tours)