

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- 1. Meet with your Counselor** – Make sure you have a strong 4-year plan that is focused on getting into college.
- 2. Build Good Academic Skills** – Learn how to be organized and develop good study skills. Study a vocabulary word daily. Strengthen your reading, writing, mathematics and problem-solving skills.
- 3. Take AP Classes and the AP Tests** – If you are enrolled in AP classes, then plan to take the AP examination at the end of the school year. Purchase the AP prep books from the local bookstore and prepare for the examination throughout the school year. You will earn college credit if you get a good score, saving you and your family money when you enroll in college.
- 4. Register for the PSAT** – Take the PSAT in your sophomore year. Use SAT prep materials to get ready for the test. Continue to study and prepare for the SAT and ACT examinations.
- 5. Stay Involved!** – Colleges and universities love students who are not only high academic achievers but students who are able to balance extracurricular activities with academics.
- 6. Get a Job** – College is expensive. During the summer months get a job and save your money. You will need it when you go off to school.