9TH GRADE CHECKLIST

Fall (September – November)
☐ Learn about college admission (like A-G requirements).
☐ Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss what you can do today to plan for college.
☐ Get a jump on college prep by choosing a challenging class schedule with honors and/or AP classes.
☐ Show colleges you are a well-rounded student by getting involved in extracurricular activities.
☐ Create a journal to record your extracurricular activities, test scores and awards. This will be helpful when you start applying to colleges.
☐ Become familiar with high school graduation requirements.
☐ Develop good study habits that will stay with you all four years and beyond.

Winter (December – February)
☐ Explore colleges/universities. What kinds of schools should you be looking for?
☐ Worried about how you’ll pay for college? You can prepare by becoming familiar with financial aid and scholarship options.
☐ Find volunteer activities that are good for you and good for the world.
☐ Begin to explore careers: what experience or education is required?

Spring (March – June)
☐ Refocus your study habits and finish the year off right.
☐ Build your college credentials by planning fun ways to get involved this summer.
☐ Set yourself up for college success with a sophomore class schedule that emphasizes college.
☐ Consider summer school courses if any of your classes need to be remediated.

Summer
☐ Explore jobs and careers that interest you.
☐ Visit colleges to start finding things you like and don’t like about campuses.
☐ Prepare for a new year by finishing your summer reading.