



## SOPHOMORE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sign up to take PSAT. <i>(Good practice for next year when you will be eligible for the National Merit Scholarship competition)</i></li> <li>- Consider taking a career assessment test if offered.</li> <li>- Start or continue your "brag sheet" or resume.</li> <li>- Maintain good grades; READ! <i>(Sophomore and Junior grades almost always count the most)</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take the PSAT.</li> <li>- Attend any college-oriented school meetings.</li> <li>- Start or continue your resume.</li> <li>- Get to know your teachers. Be sure they know you are a serious student.</li> <li>- Research careers using the internet and/or high school resources.</li> <li>- Talk to adults about their careers. What appeals to you?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate colleges using the internet or books.</li> <li>- Focus on academics. Do extra credit whenever it is offered.</li> <li>- Time permitting, fill your resume categories with community service or activities.</li> <li>- Think about what makes you unique <i>(this may become your "ACE")</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- READ! <i>(this can make a BIG difference on your SAT scores)</i></li> <li>- Use your holiday to research schools and think about summer opportunities. <i>(remember, college apps will ask for some combination of paid employment, clubs, community service, summer programs, activities, honors and awards)</i></li> <li>- Talk to older friends about their college experience and what campus life is like at their school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investigate colleges using computer search programs.</li> <li>- Use your PSAT scores to help indicate what may/may not be realistic for you.</li> <li>- Also use your PSAT scores to project what test prepping you might want/need to do to reach your goals.</li> <li>- Research different careers using the internet.</li> </ul>
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Search for relevant summer activities that support your "ACE" <i>(unique area of interest, talent etc.)</i></li> <li>- Talk to your counselor about your ideas and to ask questions.</li> <li>- Keep up your grades and do extra credit whenever you can. Show you care.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Can you start to identify 10-12 target schools? You can modify the list as you go.</li> <li>- Get the admission stats &amp; download applications for a couple of your top schools – see what they expect!</li> <li>- Register for AP exams if you will be completing an AP class this year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Register for June SAT II Subject Tests in academic subjects you may complete this year (such as chemistry, physics, etc.) if this year represents your "peak" in that subject.</li> <li>- Visit some nearby colleges over break.</li> <li>- Be sure you are in your target schools' databases so you will receive information from them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make use of your summer: <i>(college classes, special programs, community service, job, SAT prep etc)</i></li> <li>- Prep for SAT II's as needed. <i>(there are books available in every SAT II subject area)</i></li> <li>- Study for finals. Keep those grades high.</li> <li>- Consider Summer School if appropriate or you need to repeat a class.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Take SAT II Subject Test if appropriate. <i>(some schools will require 2 or 3 different subjects)</i></li> <li>- Refine your target list of schools and be sure it covers a range of safety to reach.</li> <li>- Hopefully you've planned a fun yet productive summer!</li> <li>- Don't forget to READ!</li> </ul>