



# Welcome

Freshman Parent  
Meeting 2016

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# Overview

- High School Experience
- Career Cruising



# Freshman Year Overview

- Transition into High School
  - GO Time
  - Link Crew
  - Individual meeting with counselor
- Scheduling for Sophomore Year
- Final Exams/Semester Grades
  - 40/40/20
  - Class Rank
- Aspire Testing
- AP Testing
- Final Exams

# Your Plans for High School and Beyond

## 4 Year College Core Academic Requirements

- **4** years of English
- **3** years of Math
  - To include Algebra and Geometry and 1 beyond
- **3** years of Science
  - To include General/Physical/Earth Science, Biology and Chemistry
- **3** years of Social Studies
  - To include U.S. History, World History, and elective social studies
  - Other GHS requirements

# Checklist for Parents

- ✓ Encourage your child to take challenging high school courses
- ✓ Talk to your child about careers, colleges, and life after high school
- ✓ Establish a regular study time each day
- ✓ Try to provide a good, quiet study setting
- ✓ Discourage phone calls, visitors, TV, and other distractions during study time
- ✓ Talk to your child about what he/she is learning. Ask questions. Listen to the answers

# Tips for a collegiate future

- Freshman year
  - Maintain good grades
  - Try to establish general knowledge base
  - Get involved in extra-curricular activities
  - Keep record of all activities for college application
- Sophomore year
  - Maintain good grades
  - Begin focusing on academic strengths
  - Get involved in extra-curricular activities
  - Meet with school counselor as needed
  - Begin/continue research into possible career paths
  - Keep record of all activities for college application

# Tips for a collegiate future

- Junior year
  - Maintain good grades
  - Take more classes according to your interests
  - Consider PSAT during the first semester
  - Individual parent/student meeting with counselor
  - Take the ACT during second semester
  - Keep record of all activities for college application
  - Start looking at and visiting colleges
  - Research grade and class requirements
  - Begin determining a specific occupation



# Tips for a collegiate future

- Senior Year

- Attend large group parent/student meeting in Sept.
- Maintain good grades for scholarships
- Retake the ACT (September) if you think you can improve your score
- Apply to colleges before November holidays
- Apply for scholarships
- Apply for financial aid (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Determine your college by May 1st



# Your Student's High School Transcript

- Legal document
- Individual meetings throughout years focus on academics and strengthening the transcript
- Transcript shows: Cumulative GPA, Class Rank and lists courses with semester grades
- This is required with college applications and/or scholarships

# Career Cruising

- [www.careercruising.com/Parents](http://www.careercruising.com/Parents)

- Careers
  - Major Selection
  - Academic Planning
  - College Choice
  - Financial Aid
  - Employment
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- Will notify you when open



# Questions?



**THANK YOU FOR COMING!!**