



Welcome

Freshman Parent
Meeting 2017

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Overview

- High School Experience
- Career Cruising



Freshman Year Overview

- Transition into High School
 - Individual meeting with counselor
 - Flex Time
 - Infinite Campus
 - Link Crew
- 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

Cum Laude Graduation Status

- Begins with graduating class of 2021
- Replaces Valedictorian/Salutatorian
- Focus to support goal of recognizing outstanding achievement without selecting and sorting students into categories
- Cum Laude is used by post-secondary institutions and is more recognized on resumes

Cum Laude

- Qualifications for Cum Laude status:
 - Earn at least 26 credits
 - Earn a 3.8 GPA or higher
 - Cum Laude: 3.8 GPA with successful completion of at least 1 Advanced Placement course.
 - Magna Cum Laude: 4.0 GPA with successful completion of at least 3 Advanced Placement courses.
 - Summa Cum Laude: 4.2 GPA or higher with successful completion of at least 5 Advanced Placement courses.
 - No academic integrity violations
 - Perform a minimum of 60 community service/volunteer hours
 - Participate in a co-curricular for a minimum of 3 years during high school.

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. 1st)
 - 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

- Careers

- Major Selection

- Academic Planning

- College Choice

- Financial Aid

- Employment



- Your student has his/her own account and can share with you.

Questions?



THANK YOU FOR COMING!!