

SCHS RECOMMENDED COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

9TH GRADE – IT ALL STARTS NOW!

August/September

Welcome to South County High School! Remember all grades count and are a permanent part of your high school transcript! Start off your high school career the right way. Here are a few tips:

- If you don't understand something, ask the teacher. Stay after school with your teachers for extra help.
- Ask questions in class.
- Use a planner and write all of your assignments down. Check Blackboard and homework calendars regularly!
- Do all of your daily homework and long-term projects/assignments.
- Get involved! Identify a sport, club, extracurricular or community service activity that interests you.

October

- PSAT 8/9! This is first test in SAT's series of assessments that you will take in high school. This is great preparation for future PSAT/SAT/ACT tests.

November

- 1st Quarter Grades! This is a good time to ask yourself, "What am I doing well? What things are not going well?" What things do I need to do differently?" Talk with your counselors and teachers if you need help. You have 3 quarters left so anything is possible; the final grade for a class is the average of all of the quarters and the final exam.
- Participate in the 9th grade Career Lesson through P.E class. Counselors will show you how to research careers and colleges in Naviance, and you will take a career interest assessment to learn more about yourself.

December

- Start recording your community activities, awards, sports teams, etc. by updating your resume in Naviance.
- Create a personal folder to keep test scores, report cards, and award certificates for the next four years.

January - February

- Attend the daytime academic advising presentation in the auditorium where the counselors will review the academic advising process, graduation requirements, and available courses for the following school year. Be prepared to discuss some future careers and post-secondary plans that interest you. Think about whether you can add an Honors or AP course to your schedule.
- Attend the daytime and evening curriculum fair. Discuss your course selection with your families. Meet with your counselor to review your 4 year academic plan and select courses for the following school year.

March - April

- Make plans for the summer! Gain valuable experience through a summer enrichment program, volunteering, or a part-time job. Visit the Career Center to research different careers, colleges and summer opportunities.

May - June

- Study for your finals and remember everything counts. Finalize your plans for the summer.
- Check SIS to verify your course selection. If there are mistakes contact your school counselor **before** the end of the school year.