

## Grade 9

# College & Career Timeline

### FALL SEMESTER

- Review your course schedule once emailed out, and double check that your courses are preparing you to complete graduation requirements. Discuss any potential changes with the Guidance Counselor.
- Do work you are proud of – all classes in 9<sup>th</sup> grade contribute to your cumulative GPA that you will use to apply to college in the future.
- Utilize Freshman Seminar to it's fullest. Take assignments seriously as you learn study skills and prepare for future years in high school and beyond.
- Complete Xello lessons.
- Take the in-school PSAT in October.
- Begin/continue researching college and career options.
- Attend virtual or in-person college fairs.
- Get involved, both on-campus and off. Colleges look for students who have been continuously involved in something they are passionate about - whether this is volunteering in the community, involvement in school events or taking on leadership roles.
- PSAT results will be available mid-December, online only, using your College Board account. You can use those results to study for the PSAT/SAT by linking your College Board account with KhanAcademy.org for an individualized study plan.

### SPRING SEMESTER

- Review your second semester schedule. Discuss any changes with the Guidance Counselor.
- Intercession – get involved and remember to note what you did and learned in your “Experiences” section of Xello.
- Plan your sophomore year courses. Select classes that will help you meet the entrance requirements for your top colleges and/or further explore your career interests. Registration presentations and course selection will take place during the Spring.
- Continue exploring college and career options. Visit colleges that interest you.
- Finish strong! Make sure you are proud of your grades.
- Plan to use your summer wisely, such as volunteering, working, doing an internship or job shadow, participating in meaningful activities, or taking a summer course at Puget Sound Skills Center.