

## August - September

- Establish a class schedule with [college-preparatory classes](#). Your schedule should consist of at least 4 college preparatory classes per year, including:
  - English
  - Math
  - World Language
  - Lab Science
  - History/Social Studies
  - Visual/Performing Art
  - Electives
- Activate and maintain a [NAVIANCE](#) account with your current email address so that you will receive all communications from CCA.
- Attend the [9th Grade Presentation](#).

## October - November

- Participate in extracurricular activities that you genuinely enjoy; pursue your passions!
- Take the PSAT if you would like to practice for the SAT. Remember that the test is normed for 10th and 11th grade students and it is just practice.
- Earn good grades. Ninth grade is included in the GPA for most colleges and will be on your high school transcript. You will have far more options if you start planning now for college and if you keep your grades up.

## December - February

Use Naviance to

- take a personality/career interest inventory
- create a tentative four-year plan
- start to build a résumé

Create a file for the following documents:

- awards and honors
- school and community activities in which you are involved, including both paid and volunteer work, and
- descriptions of what you do

## March - June

- Complete an initial [four-year plan](#).
- Select courses for tenth grade.
- Continue to earn good grades! Consider summer school courses.
- IF you completed a specific course that covers the content and you are sure that you are very well prepared, register and take an [SAT Subject](#) test. Be sure to register early for the best test location.