

Fall

- Meet your child's teachers and counselor.
- Encourage your child to seek help with challenging subjects, enlisting a tutor if necessary.
- Together – participate in a college fair and attend a college financial aid workshop if one is offered. Talk about paying for college.**
- Work together to find interesting extracurricular activities that work with the family schedule. Explore opportunities for your child to take a leadership role in the current activities.**
- Talk to your child about his or her progress in school. Identify areas in which he or she excels, and encourage enrollment in AP courses in those subjects.
- Talk about possible careers with your child. Help identify people you know whose careers are of interest to him or her, and arrange meetings with them.
- Together – in December, look at your PSAT scores, and if necessary, develop strategies for improving weak areas.**
- Together – keep updating the College Information folder you started last fall.**

Spring

- Discuss with your child a summer plan that includes a job, academic enrichment, and/or volunteer opportunities.
- Your child should have a job or be participating in constructive activities throughout the summer. Summer study, jobs, and volunteer work always rate high with admission officials. If your child has a career goal in mind, see if you can help arrange a day where he or she can “shadow” someone who works in that field.
- Discuss with your child his course selection for junior year.
- Together, research and discuss colleges and costs.**
- Take a tour of a local college or university while school is in session to get a feel for the campus.**