#1: BUILD MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Build relationships with not only classmates but also teachers and other adults at EHS. It is important that freshmen have people who they can turn to for advice or guidance.

#2: DO WELL ACADEMICALLY.
We encourage freshmen to write out their goals for the year (along with their advisor) and keep this list as a guide to help them stay on track. Maybe a goal is to speak up and participate in math class more, or to hand in a rough draft of a history paper for feedback before it is actually due.

#3: GET INVOLVED IN THE EHS COMMUNITY
Get involved by joining a sports team, club, or pursuing another activity of interest. Engaging in activities outside of the classroom is another opportunity to meet new people and explore new passions. View clubs and organizations.

#4: PLAN AHEAD.
An important skill to mastering this year is to develop good study habits and to plan ahead for upcoming assignments or events (sports practices, orchestra rehearsal, or a club meeting). Creating an organizational system is key whether it is an assignment agenda (where everything is written down) or an online calendar. Also planning more time than anticipated for a given task helps in being better prepared to complete it thoughtfully and thoroughly.
College Planning Calendar: Freshman Year

All Year
- Do well academically and remember what you do now will be important when you are applying to colleges. Admissions counselors review your entire high school transcript, including your grades from freshman year.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities in and out of school: clubs, organizations, music, theatre, athletics, or community service. It doesn’t matter what activities you do as long as you are involved in a meaningful way and hopefully stay actively engaged throughout high school.
- Do some financial planning—college is not cheap. Colleges each have financial aid calculators on their websites; your parents can enter in their financial information and get an idea of affordability.

September
- Welcome to high school!
- Start or continue with extracurricular activities that interest you. Colleges want to see students who have commitment and passion.
- Begin the year well organized and motivated to learn.
- Set some academic and personal goals you hope to achieve this year.

October
- How are you adjusting to the EHS? Your advisor is available to assist you and help you plan for a great year ahead. Make sure to utilize him/her in addition to your teachers.
- Attend the EHS College Fair, over 150 colleges will be in attendance.
- Review your first progress/grade report and comments. This information is important in helping you assess how you are doing. Review how you did and set a plan for improving, if necessary.

November
- Continue working hard in school.
- Review the semester so far. What classes are you enjoying and why?
- Begin to prepare for semester exams weeks in advance.
December
• Semester exams take place. Get a lot of rest, eat healthy, and good luck!

January
• A New Year brings you that much closer to completing your first year in high school and a fresh academic start in all courses.

February
• Begin to think about your course selection for sophomore year. Talk with your teachers, advisor and/or a college counselor about classes for next school year.

March/April
• Review the goals you set at the beginning of the year. You still have a few more months to accomplish them. Talk with your advisor and teachers about achieving all your goals.

May
• Start preparing for final exams.
• Put forth your best effort as you finish the year; remember these grades will impact your final grade.
• Evaluate the year and yourself. What do you want to continue and/or do differently next year?

Summer
• It’s never too early to start visiting colleges, if you are interested. You can go on a college tour in your vacation spot and that is an easy way to see different schools while also enjoying your time away.
• Reading is a lifelong skill so read, read, read over the summer.
• Engage in meaningful activities. This could include: volunteering or working at a part-time job.