#1 CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND GROW AS A LEARNER.
Make sure that you are able to do your personal best in your classes. Seek out help from your teachers if you need any clarification about class assignments or to ensure that you fully understanding the class material.

#2 READ! READ! READ!
One way to develop as a student and to help prepare you for college is to read. Now, during the school year you will have assignments in English and history classes that will require some significant reading. Try to read for longer periods of time and to read in a setting that is free of distractions (no Snapchat or texting allowed!) so you are able to focus on the material. During school vacations, get a book or two that seem interesting to you and read during school breaks as well. Reading is a lifelong skill and one that hopefully will forever be a part of your life.

#3 LEARN ABOUT COLLEGES.
College should not be a big step that you need to take but should be a natural progression from your daily high school life. This is a good time for you begin learning about different colleges and universities. One way to do this from the comfort of your EHS home is to plan to talk with the admissions representatives at the October college fair on campus. Another way to learn about schools is to get your feet on a college campus in a way that is interesting and exciting. Do you like theater? Maybe go see a performance on a college campus when you are home for school breaks. Do you like sports? Maybe take in an athletic event at a university close by. These “visits” can help you to get a feel for college life in a way that compliments what you currently like or find interesting.

#4 LEARN ABOUT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT EHS.
This year the classes are more difficult than last year. Make sure you know where to go and who to see if you need a tutor or additional support. Among the many resources at EHS include, attending tutorial periods with your teachers, The Writing Center, language tutors, and math/science peer tutors. If you are having any personal difficulties, make sure you connect with your advisor, dorm parent, and/or the counseling office. There is an entire community of people at EHS who are dedicated to helping you.
College Planning Calendar: Sophomore Year

All Year
• Do well in school. Your academic performance and taking a challenging program of study are the most important factors in college admissions.
• Continue to participate in extracurricular activities.
• Do some financial planning and save money for college.
• Feel free to speak with the college counseling office if you have any questions.

September
• Welcome back to school!
• Get involved or better yet, stay involved. Hopefully you found some activities last year that you will continue to pursue throughout your time at EHS.
• Set some academic and personal goals for the year.

October
• Sit for the PSATs (we have already ordered you an exam). Remember to attend the PSAT review session. This test is just for practice.
• Attend the EHS College Fair. Ask questions and learn about different colleges.

November
• Continue working hard in school. Study weeks in advance to prepare for semester exams.

December
• Review your PSAT results. What were your strengths and weaknesses?
• Semester exams take place.

January
• Review first semester grades/comments. How did you do? Can you improve anywhere?
• A New Year, and that much closer to junior year.
• What activities are you participating in? Continue to engage in life outside of class.

February
• Continue to study and do well.
• Individual sophomore meetings with the college counselors start.
• Begin to think about course selection for junior year. Talk with your advisor and teachers to decide what classes you should take next year. Try to appropriately challenge yourself. Colleges evaluate the program of study you select very closely especially junior and senior year.
• Think about your summer plans. Perhaps you will want to volunteer, attend a pre-college program or get a job.

April
• Course registration takes place.

May
• Continue to study for semester exams.
• Finish the year as strong as possible. Doing well in classes this year will prepare you for future success next year.

Summer
• Participate in some meaningful activities that are of interest to you.
• Do a self-evaluation. What are your interests and strengths?
• Visit colleges, if interested.
• Read for pleasure