Sophomore

You have your first year of high school behind you so let’s move on with your college planning. Before you start, make a list of all your achievements, activities, and awards from last year. If you do this each year, you will have a great start for your senior resume.

* Visit the College and Career Center and talk to Mrs. Poulos about what resources are available for you in the CCC.
* Meet with your counselor to discuss your progress and your plans. Take a copy of your 4 year plan with you to make the meeting more beneficial.
* Setup an account at cappex.com to help with college planning. Make sure you complete your profile and spend some time looking through the tools these sites provide. Write down what you think will be the most helpful things on the site

you chose. Be specific.

* Show Commitment: Take your list of the activities, clubs, or organizations that you have participated in for multiple years. Remember that colleges like to see commitment to those endeavors!
* Make a list of 10 schools that interest you. It’s ok if you don’t know anything about them. It is a starting point for learning about colleges.
* Attend Sophomore Information Night (September 30th @ 6PM.) Write down any information you learned that you didn’t know before.
* Update your online accounts of gacollege411, College Board, and GCIC. If you need login information, you can get it from your counselor. (email them for this

Information -establish a link with your counselor)

* Get to know your teachers! Talk to one of them about where they went to college. Why did they choose to go there?
* Investigate your TOP 5 schools. Write down the following information for each school. Research like this can help you make decisions.

School name and location

Number of students

Total estimated net price (this is different than the tuition)

Middle 50% GPA, SAT or ACT and rigor

Application deadline: regular and early action

Common App: yes or no

What do you like about this college?

* Discuss college options with your parents. Talk about what you like and what you don’t like. Ask them about their college experience. What colleges do they think are a good fit for you? Write down your list and your parents’ list so you can compare them later.