Post-Secondary Preparation Timeline:

 It’s never too early. . .

For Sophomore Year

**Summer**

* + - * Volunteer, play a sport, or find a job
* Work on a hobby that you’re passionate about
* Read as much as you can – it builds vocabulary and strengthens writing skills
* Set your goals (short-term, long-term, academic) for the school year
* Summer is the perfect time to visit college campuses or attend career fair
* Meet with your school counselor to discuss college and career options and to choose the most-appropriate classes
* Explore the many courses offered including CTE, online, Advanced Placement, direct college, and dual enrollment

**Fall**

* Get involved in clubs and other groups to identify interests and meet new people
* Develop healthy study habits from the beginning
* Take the PSAT when the school offers it or PSAT/SAT Prep Workshops/Courses
* Talk to the college and military representatives during lunches
* Attend College Night to explore colleges and speak to representative

**Winter**

* Finish the semester strong! Colleges look at grade from all four years of high school.
* Use first semester grades to set goals for the next semester
* Ask about AIM – a program designed for you to choose a mentor who will help you increase your GPA for future semesters
* Think developing professional relationships with teachers and staff. You may need a recommendation letter and they will be great resources.
* Talk to family and friends about your classes, goals, or college and career plans
* Start exploring colleges and possible careers. Keep track of those that interest you.
* Discuss next year’s classes with your counselor – take classes that challenge, interest, and prepare you for your long-term goals

**Spring**

* Use Career Cruising to discover more of your interests, passions, and skillsets
* Find a new club, sport, or hobby
* Take PSAT/Participate in PSAT/SAT Prep Courses/Workshops
* Participate in the College and Career Fair
* Watch the Decision Day festivities
* Finish your first year strong!
* Update your RaiseMe account and add this year’s grades and extracurricular activities
* Keep track of volunteer hours, groups/clubs involvement, and extracurricular activities

 . . .to prepare for your future.