Success Begins with the Ninth grade year!

Consider the following facts that will not only make your freshman year great, but will also make your entire high school experience successful!

1. You are defining your life after high school NOW!
   - ⇒ **GPA** – Grade Point Average – your GPA begins now. Colleges and some employers will look at this for consideration in getting in to the college or getting the job. For most scholarships you need around a 3.0, which is an average of an 85 in your classes. You may need a higher GPA to get into the college you would like.
   - ⇒ **Class Rank** – this is how you rank among your class mates. Some scholarships and college entries may depend on this.
   - ⇒ **Transcript** – this is a record of your academic work. We keep track of EVERY single class's grade and credit whether you pass or fail. This can say a lot about you.

2. Start **volunteering and getting involved** NOW! – Yes, I know college seems far away, BUT they want to see a student who has been actively involved in the community and their school all 4 years, not just 1.
   - ❖ Keep track of everything you are involved in. Your counselor and/or college may ask for the whole list when you apply.

Frequently asked questions

1. How do I get to the 10th grade?
   - ✓ Pass English 1, Part 2; English 1; or English 1 Honors = 1 credit
   - ✓ Pass Algebra 1, Part 1; Algebra 1; or Algebra 1 Honors = 1 credit
   - ✓ Pass 3 other courses = 3 credits
   - ✓ TOTAL 5 credits

2. How do I pass a class?
   - ⇒ Come to school every day! You can fail a class in high school if you are absent too many days. You can only have 5 unexcused absences in a semester long course and 3 unexcused absences in a quarter long class (like Leadership 21 or Health and Wellness).
   - ⇒ You must have a final grade of a 70 or higher in the class to earn a credit.
   - ⇒ If you fail a class, most likely, you must take it again and that means you may not get to take a class you WANT.

3. How do I graduate from high school?
   - ➢ You need to earn 24 credits.
     [4 English, 4 Math, 3 Science, 3 Social Studies, 1 PE/ROTC, 1 Computer Science, 1 World Language/Career Elective, 7 Electives]
   - ➢ The faster you earn the credits, the more quickly you can start taking elective courses that you WANT to take!