

## **Freshman Planning Calendar**

### **AUGUST**

- Complete all summer assignments for your courses.
- Attend open house with your parents to get your schedule and meet your teachers.
- Your schedule should include courses that challenge academically. Your course selection should include rigorous and interesting electives in addition to required classes.

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Join fall school activities, including student government, athletic teams, clubs, plays and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Read the student contract so you understand your school responsibilities.
- Review graduation requirements, honor roll requirements, attendance policy, discipline code, athletic eligibility, available clubs and organizations, etc.
- Use a planner to organize your homework and activities.

### **OCTOBER**

- Volunteer for community activities. (You have 25 required hours for CMS.)
- Take the PSAT for a practice college entrance exam.

### **DECEMBER**

- Explore potential careers online, reading, searches, interest inventories and course selection.
- Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.

### **JANUARY**

- Rededicate yourself after the winter vacation to achieve better grades. Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- Read unassigned newspapers, magazines and books to expand your knowledge and vocabulary.

### **FEBRUARY**

- Begin planning for course selection for your sophomore year.

## **MARCH**

- Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Develop a tentative four-year high school course selection plan. Plan for courses that challenge academically and will expose you to a variety of career possibilities.

## **APRIL**

- Review your planned sophomore year courses with your parents and make final changes if necessary.
- Attend college fairs. Nashville National College Fair; April 30; CMS College Fair May 2, 5:30-7.

## **MAY**

- Take an interest inventory test to assist your career planning process.

## **SUMMER**

- Begin your summer reading for English class.
- Read non-assigned books, etc.
- Be involved in summer activities including sports, work, hobbies and community and volunteer services.
- Begin to develop your high school resume (a list of school and community experiences and awards) Plan how you will add to it this summer and in grade ten.
- Begin looking at colleges and careers. Take a college tour to see what a college campus has to offer students.