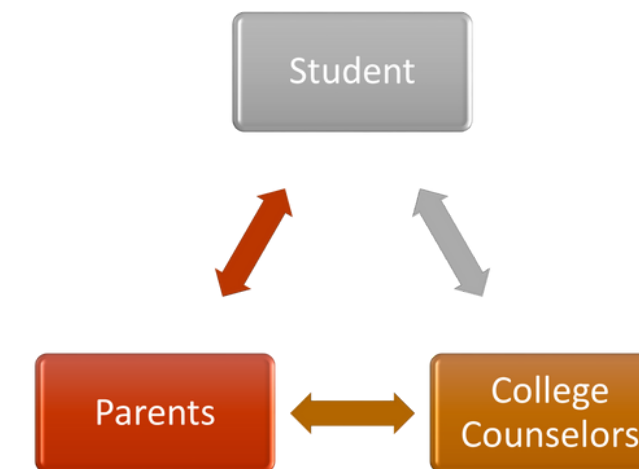




What will your story be?



Grade 8

- Explore and understand personal interests and abilities.
- Career Awareness - based on personal interests and abilities
- Making Connections - Relate courses, extracurricular (EC) activities, and community experiences to career preparation.
- Explore high school expectations. (Semester 2)

Grade 9

- Reinforce high school expectations - attendance, credits, GPA, etc.
- Reinforce organization and study habits during guidance groups.
- Seek and join EC activities that begin your story.
- Create a College Board account and explore college majors and careers using the BigFuture tools.
- Start prepping for the TOEFL and/or the IELTS tests.
- Take the PSAT 8/9 to determine AP Potential.
- Start a high school portfolio.

Grade 10

- Begin taking courses that fit your career pathway.
- Commit to a few EC activities that continue your story and will help you stand out when applying later.
- Take the PSAT 10.
- Community, Contribution and Compassion - Volunteering and Community Service
- Start prepping for the SAT and/or ACT.
- Seek internship and leadership opportunities.
- Take the AP Exams related to the challenging courses that you take.

Grade 11

- Start your school list by attending college sessions (online and in person) and visit college campuses.
- Take the TOEFL and/or the IELTS tests.
- Possibly take the PSAT/NMSQT if a US passport holder.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Secure an internship.
- Take on a leadership position in an EC activity that continues your story.
- Begin essay brainstorming.
- Use your portfolio to prepare your resume.

Grade 12

- Finalize your school list, containing colleges that are a good fit for YOU!
- Start writing your essays in August at the latest. Tell YOUR story!
- Ask for letters of recommendation in August.
- Secure transcripts from any previous schools where you attended grades 9-11.
- Apply to colleges, paying close attention to Early Decision and Early Action deadlines.
- Maintain academic performance in Semester 2. FINISH STRONG!