

## **SOPHOMORE YEAR (10<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- Pick challenging classes and electives.
- Discover and investigate your career interest areas (choose from the many online career search sites like Xello, etc.)
- Stay connected with your School Counselor
- Take the PSAT in October if it is right for you (best if you are currently in Algebra 2 or higher in math). Realize that you will still need to take the PSAT again in 11<sup>th</sup> grade in order to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship.
- Take an active role in your favorite extracurricular activities. Focused interests and examples of leadership can be considered by some as better than a host of general interests.
- You may begin to receive mail from colleges if you took the PSAT's. Start looking at schools that interest you on websites like [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Summer: You may start visiting colleges of interest or use down time to prep for the SAT. Consider getting a job, traveling, attending a summer camps, and earning community service hours. These are all things that can make you a better candidate for college admission, scholarships, etc.