

## Parents

### While your child is in Middle School...

- Stay involved in your student's education! Attend parent-teacher conferences with your student, visit the high school counselor to create a high school four-year plan, and begin discussing/planning for college expenses.

### Freshman Year...

- Continue to stay involved in your student's education. If possible, visit the school with your child before classes begin.
- Get a school calendar to help you keep track of activities at school. Research shows that involved parents help students successfully transition to high school.

### Sophomore Year...

- If possible, fit college visits into family trips. Helping your child find the right collegiate fit will help make the transition to college go smoothly. Talk with your student about how best to cover exam and college application fees.

### Junior Year...

- Meet with your student and student's guidance counselor to make sure all the graduation requirements are being met.

### Senior Year...

- Complete financial aid forms with your child. Use this process as another opportunity to discuss financial arrangements for college. If your child is considering multiple schools, compare the total costs of each school.
- Talk with your student about the danger of credit card use while in college. Many credit card companies target college students, often pushing high interest cards. Talk seriously about the downside of debt before it accumulates.
- Celebrate your student's graduation! Make sure your child knows how proud you are!

