



### General Academic Considerations

- Colleges desire that students have rigorous schedules to better prepare for college.
- Begin searching for colleges.
  - Collegenet.org
- Begin applying for scholarships during the summer prior to your senior year.
  - Students are responsible to find and apply for available scholarships.
  - Scholarships.com
  - Get a Jump, scholarship book is available in the Guidance Office.
- Bright Futures:
  - You must focus on your GPA beginning in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - Full tuition scholarship requires a 3.5 GPA in the core classes.
    - 75 % tuition scholarship requires a 3.0 GPA in the core classes.
  - You must perform community service to qualify for the Academic Scholars Scholarship with Bright Futures
  - You must do well on all your core classes. The core classes are English, Science, History, Math and 2 years of Spanish.
  - In order for you to sign up for Bright Futures, your parents/guardians must file a financial report with the state of Florida during January/February of your Senior year.
  - All of your academic records will be filed by the Guidance Department.
- Community Service (CS) is a requirement of many scholarships. Therefore, all high school students are encouraged to obtain CS hours.
  - Hours may be obtained in a variety of ways. The key to distinguish “CS” hours is the nature of the arrangement. The CS hours must be strictly volunteer. The student cannot be paid!
  - CS hours can be earned by volunteering in children's church, nursery, Bible School, Mission Trips, fund raisers for a charity, mentoring, tutoring, many community volunteer tasks.
  - The student must keep track of their CS hours. A simple list of the hours worked with the dates and the signature of their supervisor will suffice. The forms must be turned into the office and filed in their cum folders.

**SAT Test schedule for 2009-10**

Sign up for the reasoning test only

October 10, 2009

November 7, 2009

December 5, 2009

January 23, 2010

March 13, 2010

May 1, 2010

June 5, 2010

**ACT Test schedule for 2009-10**

September 12, 2009

October 24, 2009

December 12, 2009

February 6, 2010

April 10, 2010

June 12, 2010