

# Freshman Checklist

## Fall

- Develop and maintain good study habits.
- Build strong academic, language, mathematics and critical thinking skills by taking challenging courses.
- Study hard and get excellent grades. Your grades from freshman year forward affect your overall high school GPA.
- Strengthen your vocabulary by increasing your reading.
- Build relationships with your teachers.
- Visit your guidance counselor and discuss your career and post secondary plans.
- Develop a four-year high school plan to help you reach your academic and career goals.
- Familiarize yourself with the curriculum and identify the courses required for graduation.
- If you took Algebra I before entering high school, arrange to have your ECA scores forwarded to BLHS.
- Explore clubs and co-curricular activities in and outside of school that will offer you the opportunity to develop your unique interests, abilities, and leadership skills. Colleges want to see passion and commitment.

## Spring

- Check out what high school courses colleges require.
- Know NCAA requirements if you want to play sports in college.
- Think about several career possibilities and learn how much education is required for each job.
- Begin saving money for college.
- Find out about the summer activities, jobs, or volunteer opportunities that will expand your experience and skills.
- Take advantage of every opportunity to participate in enrichment activities.