

The Tenth Year

The sophomore year should be a year of personal growth. In addition to working hard in school and being involved in activities, sophomores should be identifying personal abilities, aptitudes, and interests, as well as looking for ways to further develop their talents and skills.

- Continue to concentrate on academic preparation and continue to develop basic skills. At this point, school is your profession!
- Participate in clubs/organizations at school and get involved in some sort of community work. Not only will this be important for your college applications, scholarships, and job applications, but it also helps you identify personal abilities, aptitudes, and interests.
- All sophomores will take the PSAT/NMSQT
- When you get the results from your PSAT in December, go over it carefully, seek parental input, and make an appointment with your counselor to discuss remaining coursework which may be required or beneficial for your post-high school plans.
- Make an appointment during your lunch to visit Career Center in the Guidance Department. Familiarize yourself with Career Cruising program; take the skills test and interest inventory. Print the results and let your counselor help you interpret the information and point out some possibilities. The system contains college, career, and scholarship information.
- Keep your GPA as high as possible.
- Make plans to do something over the summer that will enrich you and broaden your horizon. Talk with students that attend various postsecondary institutions and attend available summer programs. Interview individuals that work in vocations of interest to you as you consider a career path.