

Garden Spot High School
Post-Secondary Planning Timeline

Sophomore Year

Semester 1

- **Meet your counselor:** You are assigned a new counselor in 10th grade. Be sure to stop by the guidance office and meet her! (Mrs. Cantymagli: Last Names A-L; Mrs. Kreider: Last Names M-Z).
- **Check your email:** Weekly emails will begin coming to you regarding guidance updates and announcements, college visits, scholarships and other important post-secondary planning information.
- **Sign up for the PSAT:** You can sign-up the PSAT as a sophomore to help prepare you for the real thing. The PSAT is administered in October. It is only administered at this time.
- **Take on Leadership position:** Whether it be in a school club, on the sports field or with a church youth group—taking on leadership roles will show colleges that you are well-rounded, outgoing and responsible.
- **Tour and Apply to the CTC:** ½ day CTC applications for your junior year will be available in December and will be due before you leave for Winter break.
- **Stay on track:** Make sure you are keeping up with the courses you need to graduate and maintaining good grades! GPA is critical for college acceptance as well as for NCAA requirements for student athletes.

Semester 2

- **Attend the Garden Spot High School course selection night:** Held on the same night as Back to School night in February, counselors will discuss options and answer questions regarding course selection.
- **Enter your course requests in Powerschool before the deadline.** Discuss possible course selection choices with your teachers and family. Make sure the courses you select are relevant to your post-secondary plans.
- **Begin to familiarize yourself with the college application process:** Visit the guidance office as well as www.collegeboard.org and Naviance to begin to understand the process of applying to schools.
- **Read and Write:** Hone your reading and writing skills to help prepare you for the SAT and ACT exams.
- **10th grade Guidance Lesson:** Your counselor will be sharing post-secondary information with you during Health class. Take notes and ask questions! You will need this information as you apply