

2010-2011

CLASSROOM GUIDANCE

Grade 9

- Grades you earn from now until graduation are used in determining your grade point average (GPA)
- Review your course plans for the next 3 years with your counselor and parents.
- What is a transcript? All your grades go on a transcript and this document is sent to colleges, future bosses or to whomever you request.
- What is an activity sheet? The activity sheet goes with the transcript. You update your activity sheet yearly in homeroom. Get involved in extracurricular activities (clubs, sports, and academic competitions, hobbies, or volunteer work). Choose one or two activities you feel truly committed to and pursue those with passion. It is better to do one or two things extremely well than to try to participate in too many activities. Colleges look for well-rounded students. Summer activities are also important. All this goes on your activity sheet.
- What is your permanent record? All grades since kindergarten, test scores, copies of birth certificate, social security card, immunizations, letters sent home from principals office, notes from any special accommodations you may be receiving, court papers, etc.
- Learn what resources are available in your school career area in guidance and in the library. We have a Career Coach on staff, Jon Cash. He is located in the Career Tech Building.
- Begin exploring careers that interest you. Discuss your career interests with your parents, counselors and talk with professionals who are in the careers that interest you. This will help you decide what classes to take in high school in grades 10, 11 and 12.
- Work on time management and study skills.
- Apply for an academic letter in the spring (you get points for grades and academic clubs, receive a certificate and exchange this certificate for an academic letter to wear on a letter jacket).
- After School Tutoring: **Math** – Tuesday and Thursday starting August 31 from 3:25 – 4:55 p.m. in Room 103. Ms. Neal is the tutor. **English** – Tuesday and Thursday starting August 26, after school in the library. Ms. Fleisher is the tutor.
- Start visiting colleges and talking with people you know about what they do in their jobs—IT IS NOT too early in the 9th grade to explore.
- Attend the Parent/Student Night at FCHS on Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.