

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

1. **Activate and use your PlusPortals account (student & parent).**
2. **Earn good grades in all of your classes.**
3. **Use an agenda to stay on track.**
4. **Develop good study habits and continue to improve your study skills.**
5. **Plan to meet and get to know your School Counselor to begin talking about colleges and careers.**
6. **Log in and use your MASS CIS (Massachusetts Career Information System) account to start your portfolio. You created an account last year with Ms. Krems, your 8<sup>th</sup> grade School Counselor. Explore interests, careers, and colleges. **ALWAYS SAVE YOUR WORK IN YOUR PORTFOLIO.****
7. **Create a 4 yr. high school plan (on the last page of the Program of Studies).**
8. **Have good attendance and get to school on time.**
9. **Get help if you are falling behind in your school work:**
  - a. From your teachers,
  - b. Peer tutoring – see you School Guidance Counselor,
  - c. Create study groups with peers,
  - d. Your parents/guardians, & your counselor.
10. **Get involved in after-school activities and seek leadership roles when possible, and volunteer in your community.**
11. **Challenge yourself by taking Honors courses.**
12. **Find out about college entrance requirements for the schools you're interested in. Make sure you are enrolled in the appropriate college-preparatory courses. It's not too early!**
13. **Start an activity sheet (a summary of awards received and of activities you have been involved in both in and out of school during grades 9-12).**
14. **Learn to read your transcript and make sure you are on track for graduation (minimum 155 credits). If you have failed a course, make sure you sign up for summer school or credit recovery.**
15. **NCAA for College Bound Student Athletes. If you want to participate in Division I or Division II sports in college, start the certification process now. Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Check with your school guidance counselor to make sure you are taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements. See your coach and the athletic director regarding game films.**

