



## Freshman Year The Year of Beginnings

### College-

- You don't need to worry about intense researching until the summer before your junior year. Focus on grades and doing well in your classes.

### Be Proactive -

- Riverside College & Career Fair on *October 3<sup>rd</sup>* at the Riverside Convention Center from *5pm -8pm*.
- National Christian College Fair on *October 5<sup>th</sup>* from *6pm- 8pm here* at Woodcrest Christian's Pavilion.
- High School & College Planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting) on *March 5<sup>th</sup>* at 7pm at WCHS MP Room.
- Inland Empire National College Fair on *April 24<sup>th</sup>* at the Ontario Convention Center from *6pm- 8pm*

### College Testing -

- You don't need to worry about taking the PSAT, SAT I/ACT tests until your junior year.

### Study Hard-

- Your grades matter so make sure you are studying and working hard because most colleges require at least a 'C' in all your classes including Freshman year!
- UC and Cal State schools won't allow 'D' grades unless you retake the classes so try to get better grades this year so you will not have to retake classes later.
- Start your high school years off right by getting good grades.
- When you are registering for next year's classes make sure that you sign-up for classes that are consecutive such as Spanish II if you are in Spanish I this year.

### Sell Yourself-

- Begin to put together a portfolio of all your awards, honors, activities, volunteer hours, career options, and colleges you are interested in.
- Join a club on campus and stay in it for all four years. It looks better to stick with one club then to jump around.
- Get involved in a non-teenage activity. Example: volunteer in a community basketball camp for underprivileged kids.
- If you are interested in applying for a Cal State school then you might want to get a job and work at least one hour a week.

### Homework-

- Study, Study, and Study!!!
- Join a club on campus
- Set up a file with the following lists:
  - Awards, honors, activities, volunteer hours by year in high school
  - Career/college options

### Helpful Websites-

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) (college search)
- [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) (college search)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) (scholarships)
- <http://hs.woodcrestchristian.org/guidance/financial-aid> (scholarships)

## Freshman Timeline

### September

- Study hard in all your classes. The grades you earn in 9<sup>th</sup> grade are crucial to your final GPA and class rank.
- Check high school courses. Will you meet the college requirements?
- Get involved in on-campus activities; genuine involvement in one is better than a token participation in several

### October

- Start or continue community service. Keep a folder with names, dates and times.

### November

- Explore career options. Take a career tests such as Career Direct (see Miss Bolling for details) or take a free test at [www.californiacollege.edu](http://www.californiacollege.edu).
- What training will you need after high school to meet your career and educational goals?

### December

- Talk with WCHS graduates home from college or out working. Ask how they like what they are doing.
- Continue to work hard in all your classes

### January

- Continue college and career exploration
- Prepare for semester exams; colleges look at your freshman grades. 'D' grades do not count.

### February

- Get involved in activities; join a club, athletic team or volunteer. Work towards leadership positions.

### March

- Check for teachers availability for tutoring
- **Attend High School & College Planning (9<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting) on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Woodcrest Christian High School's Multi purpose room.**

### April

- Work hard in your present classes
- Work on your writing skills

### May

- Think about going to summer school or getting a summer job
- Begin preparing for finals. Remember you must get a grade of 'C' or better for college.

### June

- Prepare for semester exams; colleges look at your freshman grades. With any 'D' grades you will not be able to apply to any UC or CSU schools unless you retake the classes
- Start summer school
- If you don't have a job try volunteering in your interested career area (community service hours)
- Get summer assignments for any Honors classes.
- Enjoy your summer!