Freshman Year at Gwynn Park High School

Welcome to Gwynn Park High School! It is very important that you do your best in all classes because this year's grades count toward your GPA. During your freshmen year, explore your career interests and create a plan (along with your family) to begin saving for college expenses. Also, now is the time for you to begin selecting classes that will prepare you for life after high school.

Things to Do in 9th Grade:

- ☐ Attend an orientation session at your new school.
- ☐ Actively read your student handbook. Become familiar with the school calendar, schedule, policies and guidelines.
- ☐ Challenge yourself academically. Develop good study habits and maintain good student conduct.
- ☐ Set at least three academic and personal goals (i.e. earn no grades less than a "C", keep absences down, get to class on time, be respectful to self and others, keep in shape, & resolve conflict peacefully). Track your progress regularly.
- ☐ Meet with your high school counselor regularly.
- ☐ Discover which type of post-secondary training best suits your career interests (i.e. on the job, military, technical school, community college, or four year university).
- ☐ Research which institutions of higher learning you would like to attend based on size, location, cost, student makeup, and major.
- ☐ If college bound, make sure you are scheduled for classes that will prepare you for college entrance requirements.
- ☐ Choose electives carefully.
- ☐ Explore career possibilities in the Career Center (Room 111).
- ☐ Talk with your family about a college savings plan and explore savings options.
- ☐ Complete summer assignments for English Honors 10 (check school's website for more information).
- ☐ Begin gathering items for your senior portfolio. Create a folder to hold the following items:

    - ✓ Copies of report cards
    - ✓ A record of honors and awards
    - ✓ A list of extracurricular activities, clubs or sports involvement
    - ✓ Record of community service hours rendered and/or paid employment

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