

# Freshman Year Information Guide

## **Fall (September-November)**

- Focus on getting off to a good start academically
- Seek out available resources that can help you maintain your progress throughout your high school career
- Develop effective study skills and utilize test-taking tips
- Become involved in extracurricular activities, such as clubs and sports, and/or volunteer activities in the community
- Prepare to accept constructive feedback from your teachers and use this criticism to improve and fine-tune your skills
- Read often and expand your vocabulary
- Improve your writing skills as they will be a factor in all of your classes and the college application process
- Learn about the college admissions process and terms

## **Winter (December-February)**

- Review your Honors and Advanced Placement options; plan for courses that challenge you and match your interests
- Include your family in your educational experience
- Meet with your school counselor to discuss next year's class schedule and post-secondary goals
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements as you develop a high school plan
  - \*At least two years of a language are recommended (Wilson HS does not have a world language graduation requirement)

## **Spring (March-June)**

- Plan for ways to get and stay involved during the summer months - don't get complacent!
- Research summer enrichment programs/opportunities on the Counseling Office website and other resources
- Research college costs and start saving!

## **Summer (June-August)**

- Engage in summer extracurricular activities and volunteer opportunities
- Complete summer reading and AP summer work