

Countdown Grade 9

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Fall – Get Involved

- Make sure course selections are appropriate. Consider how the courses you select will impact diploma endorsements and well as scholarships (ie. Specific courses are required for the SD Opportunity Scholarship).
- Get involved in community and school activities
- Join a club, sport, or activity
- Be a leader
- Learn about GPA's, study skills, and Leola courses
- Volunteer – start keeping track of your community service hours for scholarship
- Explore careers through SDMyLife www.sdmylife.com
- Talk with your parents about saving and paying for college

Spring – Honor thy Test Dates

- Plan Grade 10 classes– pay special attention to electives
 - Sign up for the most difficult classes you can handle.
 - Stay focused on your school work
 - Review your high school plan and pathway
- Think about the future
- Check out some web sites for college information
 - www.collegeboard.com, www.act.org
- Use the books in the School Counseling Office to explore careers
- Use the internet to explore careers using:
 - Career Cruising or www.SDMyLife.com
 - US Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://stats.bls.gov/ocohome.htm>
- Sign up for a summer enrichment program – experience new things.