

# The Freshman Focus

*Your Success Starts Now*

# Aeries Portal

- \*Weekly checks
- \*Make sure parents and students both are able to log-in.
- \*Great source for students to monitor grades, attendance, etc.

# Haiku

- \* A way for teachers to communicate with students virtually, by posting class work and a variety of useful material.
- \* Check for assignments and other material teachers post.
- \* If you are confused or having trouble with Haiku, see staff at library for assistance.
- \* Important to stay up to date with classes, homework, etc...**NO EXCUSE!**

# Naviance

- \* Helps prepares students for future careers and college preparation.
- \* After Naviance registration, **familiarize yourself early!**
- \* Do your assessment early.

## **Beneficial tools:**

- \* Career Planning-Personality test, resume building
- \* College Planning-College search, application process, scholarship/financial aid, etc.
- \* Success Planning-Identifies areas for improvement, student planner, etc.

# Organization & Preparation

- \* Avoid the “everything folder” at all cost!
- \* 3 ring binders with dividers, additional notebooks and a daily planner is significant.
- \* Prepare in advance, no procrastination!

# Study Skills

- ▶ Plan your time accordingly. Incorporate a study routine.
- ▶ Every student has different ways of studying.

## **Auditory Learners**

*How to study:* You like to learn by listening and talking.

*Suggestion:* Study with someone else and occasionally stop to discuss the information.

## **Visual Learners**

*How to study:* You like to learn by reading, observing, and seeing things.

*Suggestion:* During a lecture take notes or create diagrams

## **Work Well on Your Own**

*How to study:* You prefer to work on projects or papers on your own. Working with others is distracting.

*Suggestion:* When faced with group work, prepare on your own and learn the material before working with the group.

## **Wants Feedback While Working**

*How to study:* Discuss the material with a friend as you are learning it. Find motivated and bright friends to work with.

*Suggestion:* Study with a “study buddy” or in a group. Ask your teacher if you are on the right track.

# Study Skills

## **Mover**

*How to study:* You are probably miserable sitting in the library or at your desk for long periods of time.

*Suggestion:* Take breaks - if only to stretch- every half-hour or so.

## **Sitter**

*How to study:* Sitting still in an uncluttered environment allows you absorb material without losing your train of thought.

*Suggestion:* Study when and where the only interruptions will be the ones you choose.

## **Morning Learner**

*How to study:* If you are a morning learner, you may lose energy and wind down by mid-afternoon.

*Suggestion:* 1) Don't start your homework on a Sunday night. 2) Review your notes in the morning before leaving for school.

## **Afternoon**

*How to study:* You reach your peak in the late morning or afternoon.

*Suggestion:* Plan your most challenging work during that time period.

***Ultimately, learning is up to you!***

# Communication

- \* It's very important you visit your counselor once a semester.
- \* If you need help/assistance inform teachers and counselors. They are here to support.
- \* Speak with upperclassmen if you have the opportunity to.
- \* If you are confused and have questions, don't wait until it's too late.

# Helpful Hints

- \* Take advantage of tutoring: before and after school hours with teachers.
- \* Discover and develop your strengths and interests.
- \* Getting involved with clubs, programs, and sports.
- \* Balance academic workload and extra curricular activities.
- \* It's Never too early to start thinking about college.
- \* Set weekly goals.