

## **Top Ten Tips for Incoming Freshman**

### **\*\*Address Academic Concerns Promptly: \*\***

If your student faces academic challenges, don't hesitate to contact teachers, counselors, or academic support staff. Providing timely support and resources can help them overcome obstacles and thrive academically. Remember, if a student falls below 60% in a core class for one semester, summer school may be necessary to regain credit.

### **\*\*Stay Informed with Canvas: \*\***

Ensure your student passes both semesters to earn full credit. Stay updated on grades using Canvas, our online platform. Note that grades may take up to 6 weeks to reflect late assignments, so encourage timely submissions. Please be aware that teachers are solely responsible for updating grades, especially for sports eligibility.

### **\*\*Stay Connected: \*\***

Stay up-to-date with important information by reading our E-News for schedule changes, testing details, and upcoming events. Some tests, like the WL Test, occur only once a year, so timely registration is crucial. Join PTSA and follow Liberty and PTSA on social media platforms to stay engaged and informed.

### **\*\*Get Involved: \*\***

Encourage your student to explore extracurricular activities like sports, clubs, volunteering, or part-time jobs. These experiences enrich their high school journey and cultivate friendships and valuable skills that look impressive on college applications.

### **\*\*Embrace Diversity: \*\***

Celebrate the rich diversity of our high school community. Encourage your students to embrace different backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives, fostering a learning environment that promotes inclusivity and understanding.

### **\*\*Promote Balance: \*\***

Help your student maintain a healthy balance between academics, extracurriculars, social life, and personal interests. Prioritize self-care and well-being to ensure they thrive both academically and personally.

### **\*\*Build Relationships: \*\***

Encourage students to forge meaningful connections with peers, teachers, and mentors. High school offers ample opportunities to form friendships and seek guidance from supportive individuals.

### **\*\*Celebrate Achievements: \*\***

Acknowledge and celebrate your student's achievements, big and small, throughout their high school journey. Recognizing their efforts boosts confidence and motivation, driving them to excel further.

### **Events to Anticipate in August 2024:**

- Patriot Crew/Summer Orientation for incoming 9th graders & new students (Dates TBD)
- Laptop check-out/pick-up before school starts (Dates TBD, Contact: Amanda Johnson, [JohnsonA2@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:JohnsonA2@issaquah.wednet.edu))
- Textbook Check-out (TBD, typically the first or second week of school 2024)
- ASB Card contact information: Dana Belshaw, [belshawd@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:belshawd@issaquah.wednet.edu)

### **\*\*Have Fun: \*\***

Encourage your student to cherish their high school experience, make memories, and embrace new adventures. High school is not just about academics; it's also about enjoying the journey and creating lasting memories.

### Planning timeline - Big Picture College Planning

<b>9th Grade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Academics</li> <li>▪ Challenging courses</li> <li>▪ Engage w/teachers</li> <li>▪ Join sports/clubs and volunteer</li> </ul>	<b>10th Grade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Academics</li> <li>▪ Challenging courses</li> <li>▪ Keep up extracurriculars</li> <li>▪ Explore careers/majors</li> <li>▪ Start college list</li> <li>▪ Prep for SAT/ACT</li> <li>▪ Start your resume</li> </ul>
<b>11th Grade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Academics</li> <li>▪ Challenging courses</li> <li>▪ Keep up extracurriculars</li> <li>▪ Explore careers/majors</li> <li>▪ Research colleges</li> <li>▪ Visit colleges</li> <li>▪ Refine college list</li> <li>▪ Take SAT/ACT</li> <li>▪ Update resume</li> <li>▪ Request letters of recommendation</li> </ul>	<b>Summer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Job/internship</li> <li>▪ Draft essays</li> <li>▪ Start online college applications</li> <li>▪ Create an application schedule</li> <li>▪ Take Senior Pictures (Due Nov 1st)</li> </ul>
<b>12th Grade</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Graduation Plans: Yearbook Ads, Cap &amp; Gown</li> <li>▪ Academics</li> <li>▪ Challenging courses</li> <li>▪ Finish &amp; submit college apps</li> <li>▪ School-specific scholarships</li> <li>▪ Complete FAFSA and WASFA</li> <li>▪ Visit colleges</li> <li>▪ Review offers</li> <li>▪ <b>Decision Day - May 1</b></li> </ul>	

#### Helpful Websites:

<https://sites.google.com/site/libertycollegecareercenter/college/planning>

<https://libertyhighptsa.com/Home>

<https://liberty.isd411.org/families-community/family-resources>

<https://www.libertyhighboosters.org/>

<https://liberty.isd411.org/our-school/announcements>

<https://liberty.isd411.org/student-life/counseling>

<https://www.isd411.org/programs-services/equity/resources>.