

9th and 10th Grade College Planning

- **GRADES!** Please help you child understand how important grades are this year as well as in the future. 9th grade begins HOPE, College GPA and FPD GPA calculations.
- **Parents:** Begin/continue financial planning for college and discussions with your child.
- **Parents:** Have students take ownership of college process.
- **Research college information on the internet.** Have your child use Naviance for college searching. Also, use Big Futures with CollegeBoard.
- **Create a filing system at home for all college related information.** Have this include any mailings from colleges, testing information, and scholarship information. You may also want this to be a place to keep up with all accomplishments, awards, clubs, work experiences, and anything else that will help build a strong resume. Begin to build a resume.
- **Go on GAfutures at www.gafutures.org.** This can help with financial aid, college searching, test preparation, and career information.
- **Attend the Macon Probe College Fair in late September/early October.** It is usually held at Middle Georgia State. Listen to the announcements and check emails.
- **If you want to see schools from around the country, attend the National College Fair in Atlanta.** It is usually held in February or March at the Georgia International Convention Center. More information at www.nacacnet.org under Upcoming Events.
- **Research Colleges!** Go on the web, talk to current college students, go to the college fairs, and most importantly, go visit the colleges!
- **Summer:** take a break, read, go to camps, find educational opportunities on college campuses, gain work experience, and locate volunteer opportunities. Do things to help improve your resume. Visit Colleges!