

- Meet with your child's high school guidance staff
- Attend any Parent Curriculum programs at the high schools

### May 2010

School Recognition Programs  
 May 10-14—PASS—ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies (Gr. 3-8)  
 May 27—Exams—Full Day (MS&HS)  
 May 31—Student Holiday

*Tips:*

- Check on summer study skills' programs
- Check on the high school dress code
- Update with your school any changes in address and phone number
- Schedule with your child a regular study time during the summer
- Attend your child's high school orientation sessions

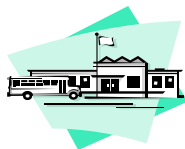


### June 2010

June 1-3—Exams—Half Day (MS&HS)  
 June 3—Last Day for Students (Half Day)  
 June 7—Report Cards

*Tips:*

- Know what high school your child will attend
- Schedule a meeting with your child's 9th grade counselor
- Schedule with your child a regular study time during the summer



### July 2010

*Tips:*

- Same as above

### August 2010

*Tips:*

- Same as above
- Remember to join your school's PTA

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# COUNTDOWN TO HIGH SCHOOL



# A Timeline for Parents of Eighth Graders

## August 2009

August 19—First Day of School

*Tips:*

- Make every day count. Make sure your child is in school
- Encourage your child to write down his/her assignments in a designated notebook
- Provide a quiet place and establish a set time for study and homework
- Make sure your child has the necessary school supplies
- Tell your child that he/she is special every day
- Remember to join the PTA



## September 2009

Middle Schools Host Open Houses

September 1-29—MAP Testing

September 7—Student Holiday

September 21—Interim Progress Reports

*Tips:*

- Encourage your child to get involved in school activities
- Schedule conferences with your child's teachers
- Make sure that your child has a designated study and homework time



## October 2009

October—National Middle School Month

October 15-16—(Student Holidays)

October 23—End of 1st Grading Period

October 29—Report Cards

*Tips:*

- Each grading period is important! The first two grading periods can affect your child's high school registration
- Talk to your child about his/her academic interests
- You soon will have a High Schooler!



## November 2009

November 1—Applications for Magnet Schools

November 24—Interim Progress Reports

November 25-27—Student Holidays

(Thanksgiving Break)

*Tips:*

- Schedule teacher/parent conferences with your child's teachers
- Encourage your child to study daily—even during the holidays



## December 2009

December 1-17—MAP Testing Window

(Optional)

Dec. 21, 2009—Jan. 1, 2010 (Winter Break)

*Tips:*

- Encourage your child to continue his/her study schedule

## January 2010

January 15—End of 2nd Grading Period

January 18-19—Student Holiday

January 21—Report Cards

*Tips:*

- Check with your child about assignments due
- Schedule parent/teacher conferences as needed
- Encourage your child to set goals through daily discussions about school



## February 2010

February 15—Student Holiday

February 19—Interim Progress Reports

February 23-25—ITBS (Gr. 4,6,8)

*Tips:*

- Schedule parent/teacher conferences as needed
- Make sure that your child is on target academically
- Continue your preparation for high school



## March 2010

March 9-10—PASS Writing Test (Gr. 3-8)

March 15-April 16—(MAP Testing Window)

March 22—End of 3rd Grading Period

March 29-April 2—(Spring Break)

*Tips:*

- The countdown to high school continues
- Make sure your child is on target academically
- Schedule parent/teacher conferences as needed



## April 2010

April 1-2—Spring Break

April 7—Report Cards

April 30—Interim Progress Reports

*Tips:*

- The countdown to high school continues
- Make sure your child maintains his/her study schedule during Spring Break
- Ask your counselor about transition activities

