



## TIMELINE FOR FRESHMEN

- Get to know your Counselors, Mr. Butler, Mrs. Maurer, and Mrs. McShane. They will be able to talk to you anytime about course selection, academics, careers, college, scholarship opportunities, and internships.
- Begin taking “college preparatory” academic subjects. This is what you need to graduate from York Catholic, and it is a sequence that prepares you for admittance to most colleges. Please be sure to check each college’s admissions requirements, as certain programs require certain courses.
- When scheduling your coursework, please keep in mind the following YC Graduation Requirements:
  - A minimum total of 25 credits over four years is required for graduation, to include a Religion credit for each year of attendance at York Catholic High School.
    - Theology 4.0 Credits
    - English 4.0 Credits
    - Social Studies 3.0 Credits
    - Mathematics 3.0 Credits
    - Science 3.0 Credits
    - Electives/Arts/Humanities 6.75 Credits
    - Health 0.25 Credits
    - Physical Education 1.0 Credit
      - Two years of foreign language is not a York Catholic requirement for graduation. However, most colleges require two consecutive years of the same language. Some require four consecutive years. Please verify the requirements for the college you are interested in attending.
- Consider potential college majors and careers and dedicate time to researching them thoroughly.
- Discuss with parents, counselors, and teachers career paths that would be suitable for you and find out what next steps would be (college, technical school, military, etc.).
- Be aware that your high school transcript of how you perform in the classes you take (what gets sent to colleges you apply to in twelfth grade) begins during your ninth grade year, so perform your best!
- Make the most of your high school experience. Colleges want to see a well-rounded student. Get involved in a lot of school activities and seek out service and leadership opportunities.
- Keep an activities journal throughout your high school years at York Catholic. Keep track of all of your clubs, awards, leadership, service opportunities, and honors so that when application time takes place, you are well-equipped to speak to your qualifications.