

## Freshman Year Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ **1.** Meet with counselor and your parents to determine your four year plan and to talk about college and career plans.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2.** Keep your Grade Point Average (GPA) as high as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** Take the hardest courses offered at FCS. Slightly lower grades in challenging courses are better than higher grades in easy courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **4.** Decide on a Community Service Project for summer and during the year. Community service involvement enriches you as a person and helps to convince scholarship committees and college admissions committees that you would be a worthy recipient. It is better to choose one project and commit to it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **5.** Get involved in extracurricular activities and become a leader in those activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **6.** Set up a portfolio of your accomplishments, grades, service projects, important written papers, extracurricular activities, leadership opportunities, honors, and letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **7.** Build and protect a good reputation with teachers and fellow students.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8.** Walk with God and pray for wisdom and discernment to make wise choices for now and for the future.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** Create your free My CFNC Account at [CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org). Develop a CFNC High School Planner and enter grades, awards, honors, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **10.** Plan to go to college. If you decide to go into the military or other training instead, you will have lost nothing. If you don't plan to go to college and decide in your junior or senior year to go, your record may not be adequate to be accepted.