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## *Freshman Forum - Freshman Transition Program for 2024-25*

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### *Freshman Forum Evening Event - Dinner and Presentation/Launch Event*

September 19 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Doors open 5:15pm. Dinner Served ~5:30-5:50pm. Presentation by: Ethan Burgess & Topher Montville

- All freshman parents and students invited/welcome
- Presentation Outline of Expectations - behaviors and academic by Administration
- Explain 4yr plan, impact of successful 9th grade year on it
- Resources available to families, students, and others
- Relationships Matter: Partnership between school and home
- Ownership on student of their performance - Attendance, Classwork and Grades...Grit and Responsibility
- Active in learning process - Importance of Independent Academic Learning
- Be well rounded, not settle - Balance and be part of something bigger than yourself
- Regents, assessments and tests matter...colleges and jobs depend on that data to define your skills.

Additionally, there will be monthly *Freshman Forum* initiatives with themes around academic, career, and social emotional development leading to school improvement and success.

#### **September -**

Back On Track, Destination Graduation

#### **October -**

Fall into good habits

#### **November -**

Thankful for the support

#### **December -**

Greatest gift to yourself

#### **January -**

New Year, New you

#### **February -**

Love what you do

#### **March -**

Spring into Action

#### **April -**

No Fooling around

#### **May -**

May the Fourth (Quarter) be with you

#### **June -**

Destination Graduation - all aboard the sophomore express

**9th Grade Team:** Anything else you would like to be covered as a 9th grade team? I am open for collaborative feedback in this pilot year.

Please let me know and I will be happy to add to these events/activities listed above. This is intended to be a "new tradition" similar to Railroader Camp when they enter the HS their 7th grade year. Goal is to build capacity in both students and families to help them meet expectations that lead to success in their HS goals and beyond.

Please reach out if you have any questions or additional ways we can improve this program/initiative together this year.