



# THE COUNSELING CHRONICLE

*News for Junior Parents - September 2020 - Villanova Preparatory School*

## Director's Notes

Your students are now juniors, and I am their primary academic counselor, Ayesha King. This is my second year at Villanova and I am looking forward to getting to know your students as you plan for the college application process. You can contact me at [aking@villanovaprep.org](mailto:aking@villanovaprep.org) or (805) 646-1464 x115. In this newsletter you will find information about the Seminar class, our college planning resources, and other news.



## Introducing

I would like to introduce Ms. Amy Richardson as our College Counselor for Resident Students. She has ten years of experience at Villanova and has developed close relationships with students living in the dorm. Even though she is new to the official title of College Counselor, she often answered questions and guided students through their college application process in her role as academic support for residents. We appreciate having her on our team.



## PARENT EVENT

TEST-OPTIONAL Q&A PANEL

Monday, September 14 6:30PM RSVP Required

We will be hosting admission officers from California Institute of Technology, Chapman University, Lawrence University, and UC Santa Barbara. They will be speaking on the test-optional policies at their institutions and answering your questions about the application review process in a test-optional world. Please RSVP, and you will be sent a link to the Zoom webinar ahead of the event.

# SEMINAR

What is the Seminar?

The Seminar class will support your students in providing time to build community, plan for college applications, and to build community through the Purpose toolkit from Project Wayfinder. The Purpose Toolkit will allow students to think about and identify their purpose, which should help them as they decide what majors to pursue and where. In order to build community and have students benefit from collaboration, we will have live classes once weekly in the evenings when our international students are able to meet. During the day, students can use that time as study period, restorative time, or time for one-on-one meetings with Counseling.

For IB Diploma students, there will be time to work on TOK, CAS, and EE.



# UPCOMING

## PSAT/NMSQT®

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We are holding the PSAT for Juniors on Wednesday, October 14 8:30-12:30.

In Junior year, the PSAT serves two purposes. It prepares students for the rigor of the SAT providing sample questions from the SAT, as well preparation for test stamina. The second purpose is that students can qualify for the National Merit competition with their PSAT score. This distinction can provide great opportunities for scholarship in the college application process.

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The DEI Parent committee is looking for members! consider joining us as a larger group on Friday, September 11th at 4:00 pm. Zoom link will be in Wildcat Weekly. for parent education, the DEI Parent Committee has decided to listen to "Nice White Parents" by Serial & *The New York Times*. you can listen to it wherever you listen to your podcasts.

# SCOIR

SCOIR is the new tool we are using as a college search and application hub for our students. This is where students will manage their college lists, request their letters of recommendation from teachers, and sign up for college representative visits. Parents can follow along and make suggestions as well. Please accept the invitation in the email you will receive this week.

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