

# Timeline for College Planning

*Supporting your students through the college preparation process  
at Villanova Preparatory School*

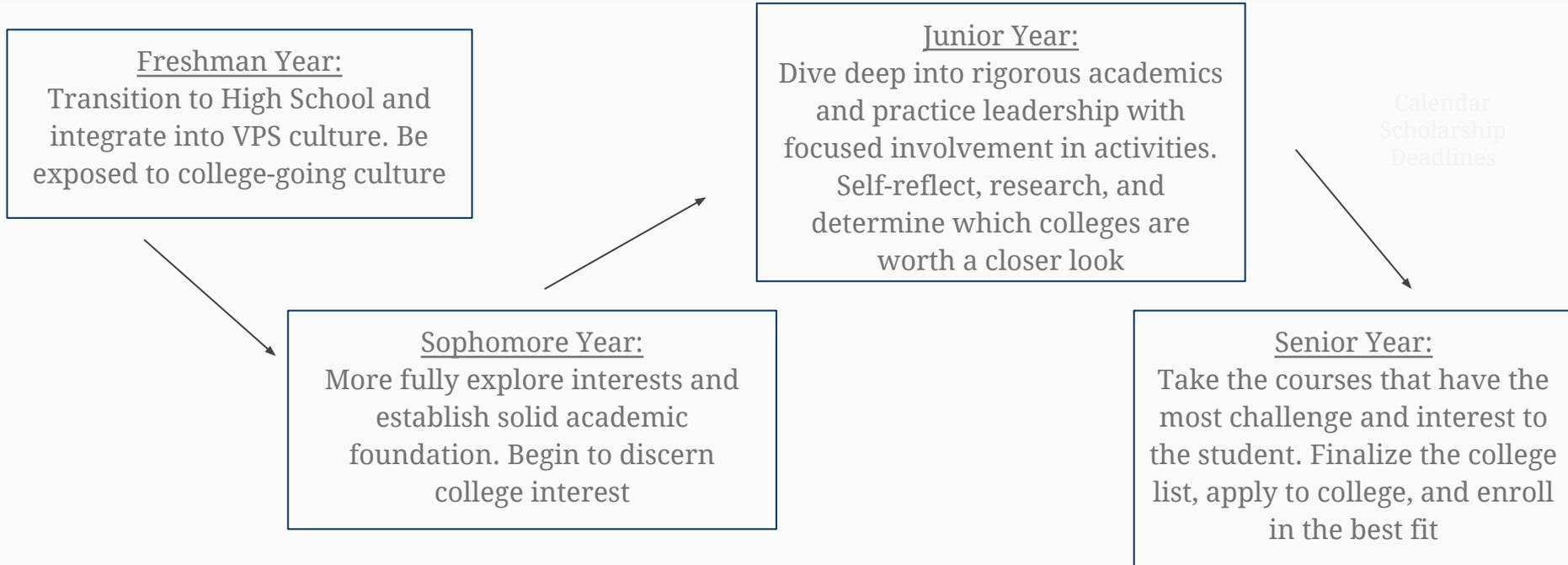
Villanova Preparatory School  
College Counseling



# Our Timeline

- **Is a suggestion for parents and students** based on our counseling experience. How your student prepares is ultimately a family decision!
- **Is not fully exhaustive.** There are additional steps that your students take with counselors during the school day and through Family Connection, the Villanova college planning tracking tool.

# In general, a VPS student follows this trend:

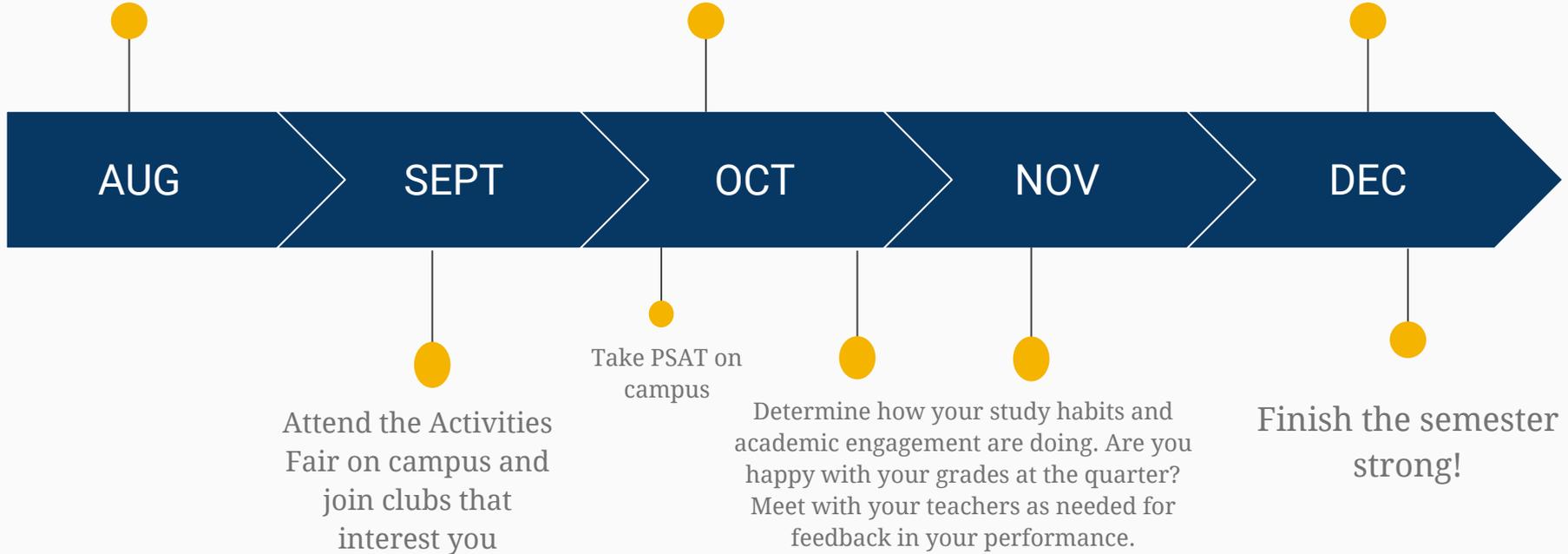


## FRESHMAN YEAR

Meet with your counselor before school starts to establish a 4-year plan

Check in with your counselor to discuss your transition and adjustment to high school

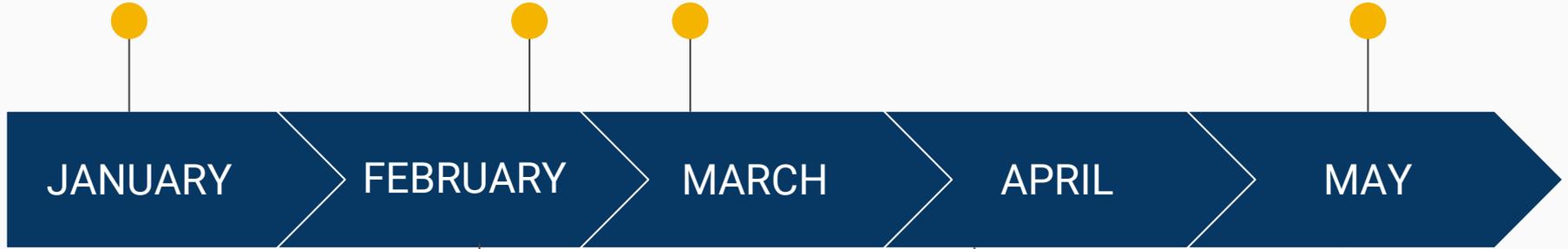
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Enrichment Programs Fair  
on campus to discover  
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some of your passions

Meet with your counselor to  
discuss course selection for  
the following year

Finish the year strong!



Attend the  
Freshman/Sophomore  
college night on campus

Visit at least one  
college during a day  
off from school or  
during Easter Break  
to get a feel for what  
you might like

Reflect on your experiences  
during the year and update  
your resume up to this point  
in Family Connection

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

Hit the ground running with your activities and academics. Now is the time to start pursuing leadership opportunities

Check in with your counselor to discuss your progression through your academics and sophomore year

Get information on the IB Program and determine which IB or honors courses are best for you to take. Consider the full IB Diploma Programme as an option



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Attend the College Fair on campus and start expressing interest. Take note of which colleges have qualities you like

Take PSAT on campus

Determine how your study habits and academic engagement are doing. Are you happy with your grades at the quarter? Meet with your teachers as needed for feedback in your performance.

Finish the semester strong!

Attend the Summer Enrichment Programs Fair on campus to discover enriching ways to spend your summer or to pursue some of your passions

Meet with your counselor to discuss course selection for the following year. Confirm whether you will be a full IB Diploma Programme candidate

Finish the year strong!



Attend the Freshman/Sophomore college night on campus

Attend the VPS College Tour during Easter Break or take some time to visit colleges on your own

Reflect on your experiences during the year and update your resume up to this point in Family Connection

## JUNIOR YEAR

Be prepared for even more rigorous academics this year. Adjust your study habits and time management as necessary

Check in with your counselor to discuss your goals for the future and highlight any areas of support you will need during Junior and Senior year

Maintain high academic focus and motivation

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Attend the College Fair on campus and gather information on colleges. This formally begins the College Planning Seminar that takes place during second semester

Take the PSAT. Do your best on this test, it will qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship competition and help you determine preparation for the actual SAT

Finish the semester strong!

Attend the Summer Enrichment Programs Fair on campus and find summer activities that will help you focus on what you might study in college

Take your testing for the first time. Determine if additional testing will be needed in April, May, or June depending on results

Take additional testing and SAT Subject tests as needed

Participate in the College Planning Seminar



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

Meet with your counselor and parents to discuss the beginning of your college list and goals for your college career

Attend the VPS College Tour during Easter Break or take some time to visit colleges on your own

Reflect on your experiences during the year and update your resume up to this point in Family Connection

# Summer Between Junior and Senior Year

Start Common Application to fill out preliminary information that can 'roll over' when application opens

Determine who you will ask to write your recommendation letters

Calendar Scholarship Deadlines

Work on developing essays and personal statements for applications

Continue research on colleges to apply to in the Fall



## SENIOR YEAR

College Application  
Bootcamp at Villanova

Attend the college fair and college visits  
to speak to any admissions counselors  
of schools to which you are applying

Submit remaining  
applications and ensure  
all transcripts and rec  
letters have been sent  
by school

Take any additional SAT or ACT testing  
as needed

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Meet with Mrs. Carroll  
individually to finalize  
college list

Submit FAFSA

Submit UC/CSU  
applications and any  
early action or early  
decision applications

Start applying to and  
searching for  
scholarships

