ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP
JUNIOR YEAR COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINE
CLASS OF 2027

GENERAL INFORMATION

☐ Regularly visit the SV College Corner website for updates and direction on the college search process.
☐ Plan visits to colleges. If you are out of town, visit a local college and walk around campus.
☐ Begin discussing college finances with parents. The college search process must be realistic.

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

☐ Focus on doing well in your classes. The Junior year is looked at very closely by colleges.
☐ Check Maia for upcoming SV college visits and sign up in Maia to meet with the college reps.
☐ Student athletes interested in playing Division I or II sports should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. Learn about recruiting guidelines. Make sure you are meeting all eligibility requirements.

OCTOBER

☐ **October 13 - Parents attend "How to Pay for College" over Zoom**
☐ **October 15** - Take the *digital* PSAT @ SV. There is no need to register! SV will automatically register students. This is a practice test designed to help you become familiar with the SAT format. Juniors are eligible for National Merit Scholarship through PSAT score.

> **Dates in September – December**
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> Oct 13 – How to Pay for College Night
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> Oct 15 – PSAT test
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> Nov 3 – College Planning meeting for parents
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> Dec 8 – Junior Kickoff Meeting
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> Multiple dates – Attend College Visits

NOVEMBER

☐ **November 3** - Parents attend Zoom "College Planning Night"
☐ Create a separate personal email account to be used for all college applications. Make sure that it is appropriate, professional and respectful.
☐ Log into Maia Learning and familiarize yourself with its college search features.

DECEMBER

☐ **December 8** – College Planning Kickoff Meeting (for students)
☐ Schedule your first one-on-one meeting with SV college counseling (discuss testing plan and college search)
☐ Research potential colleges.
☐ Formulate a testing plan for spring semester (SAT and ACT)
☐ Think about how you want to spend your summer. Summer school for advancement? Internship? Travel? Work? Whatever you do, choose something that is of serious interest to you rather than an activity that you think will "look good" on your resume or college application

JANUARY-FEBRUARY

- ☐ Family one-on-one meetings.
- ☐ **February 3** – Researching Careers and Majors Workshop
- ☐ **February 14** – ACT test
- ☐ Log into Maia Learning and start building your college list.

MARCH

- ☐ **March 3** – College Search Workshop
- ☐ **March 25** - Take the SAT (the real thing!), if appropriate

APRIL

- ☐ **April 11** - Take the ACT, if not taken in February.
- ☐ **April 14** – College Application Prep Workshop
- ☐ **April (TBD)**– Bay Area Case Study at MC
- ☐ Continue learning about the colleges that interest you by visiting their websites and other useful online resources.
- ☐ Continue adding to your activities resume to help with filling out college applications

MAY

- ☐ **May 19, 27** – College Essay brainstorming and drafting
- ☐ Think about which teachers you would like to ask for college recommendations. Fill out the appropriate questionnaires.

JUNE

- ☐ Student athletes must register with NCAA Eligibility Center (if you haven't done so already) and send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ☐ Continue to keep organized. Write down all deadlines and requirements on My College List spreadsheet.
- ☐ Narrow your college list to 8-12 schools. Consider visiting some of these colleges over the summer. This list should include at least 2-4 "likely" schools and 2-5 "match" schools and can include 1-3 "reach" schools.
- ☐ Register to take the SAT and/or ACT exams in the fall, if needed.
- ☐ Begin working on drafts of supplemental essays and the UC Personal Insight Questions

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