

9TH GRADE: THE JOURNEY BEGINS

Our Mission and Goals

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Today's Agenda



- **Primary Focus:** Re-registration process and course placement.
- **Introduction:** to the college readiness program will introduce you to our comprehensive college readiness program, outline key milestones and activities that will be undertaken throughout the year course planning.
- **Academic support:** We will discuss strategies for academic success in school, including course selection, and study skills and the importance of maintaining a strong GPA.
- **Extra curricular engagement:** understanding the significance of extracurricular activities in the role in college admissions.
- **Standardized testing and test prep information** on standardized testing, when to start preparing, and available resources.
- **Introduction to college research** an overview of how we will guide your child through the process of exploring potential colleges and universities.
- **Q&A session** via Email.

POTENTIAL AP OFFERINGS AT CARDINAL NEWMAN BY GRADE LEVEL 24-25

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
AP Human Geography	AP World History	AP Psychology	AP Psychology
		AP United States History	AP United States Government & Politics
	AP Music Theory*	AP Macroeconomics**	AP Macroeconomics**
		AP Microeconomics**	AP Microeconomics**
		AP Research	AP Research
		AP English Language And Composition	AP English Literature and Composition
		AP Chemistry	AP Chemistry

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		AP Environmental Science **	AP Environment al Science **
		AP Physics 1	AP Physics 1
		AP Biology	AP Biology
		AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus AB
			AP Calculus BC
		AP Statistics	AP Statistics
		AP Spanish	AP Spanish
		AP Music Theory*	AP Music Theory*
		AP Studio Art 2D AP Studio Art 3D	AP Studio Art 2D AP Studio Art 3D

* Requires teacher permission for this grade level

**Some AP courses run every other year

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Dual Enrollment Potential courses:

Semester 1:

DE ENGLISH

ENG 101

FRENCH 1

FRENCH 109

THEATER

THEA 170

SPANISH 1

SPAN 109 (Did not run this semester)

Semester 2:

ONLINE PUB. COMMUN SPCH 145 (Did not run this semester)

DE ENGLISH

ENG 102

FRENCH II

FRENCH 110

INTRO TO MUSIC

MUSIC 110

THEA- SHAKESPEARE IN PERF

THEA 181

SPANISH 1

SPAN 110 (Did not run this semester)

Roadmap

Our strategy is divided into four achievable goals:



College Research:

- Start researching colleges and universities to understand what you're looking for in a school.
- Explore potential majors or career interests.

PSAT and SAT prep and readiness

Extracurricular Activities:

- Explore a variety of extracurricular activities to find your passions.
- Consider volunteering or community service

Grades, Academic Rigor, and GPA



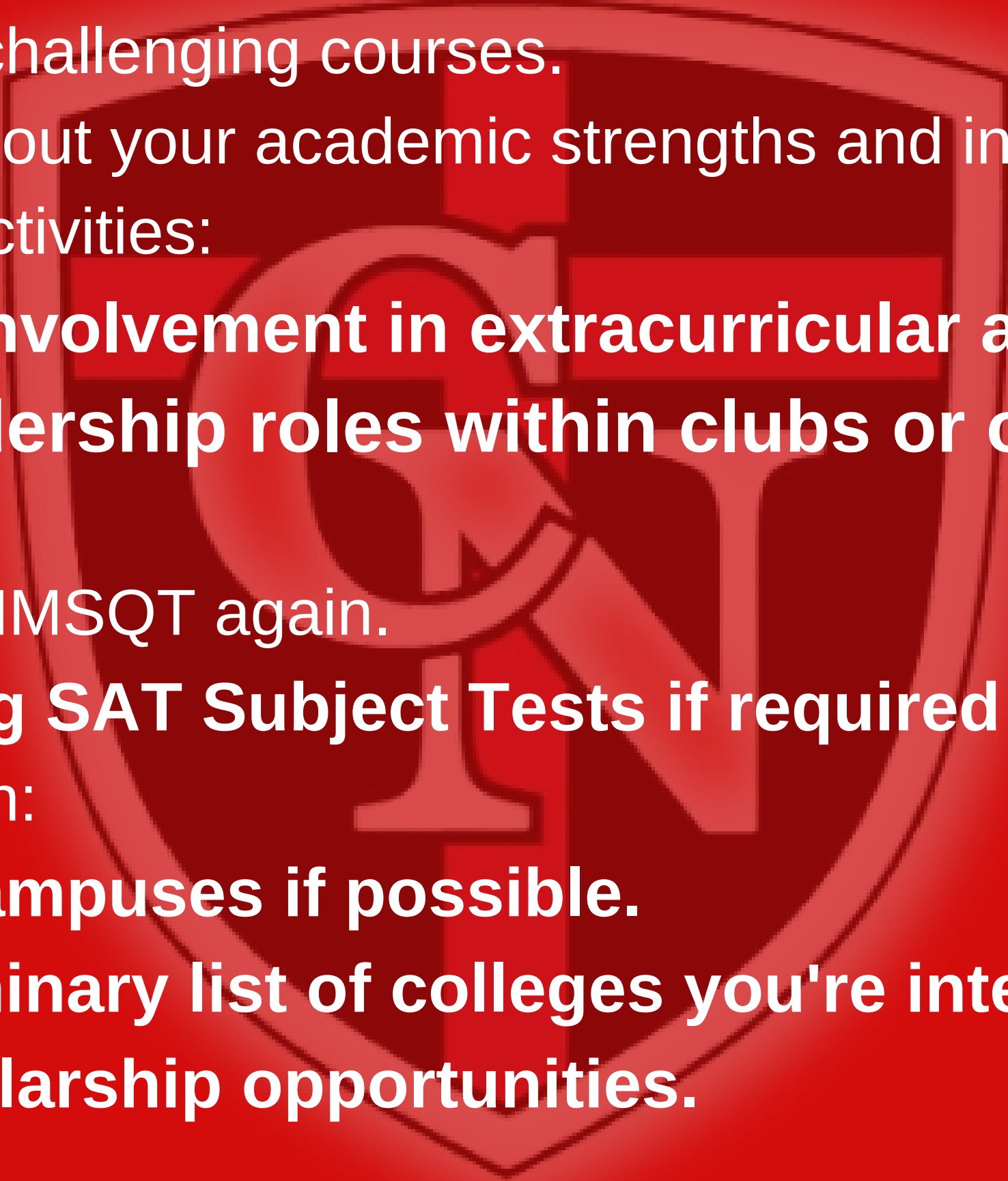


Creating a high school plan for college readiness from 9th to 12th grade is crucial for students to maximize their opportunities for college admission and success. Here's a general outline of what a four-year plan might look like:

9th Grade: Building a Strong Foundation

- **Academics:**
 - Enroll in challenging courses, such as honors or advanced placement (AP) if available.
 - Focus on developing good study habits and time management skills.
 - Maintain a strong GPA.
- **Extracurricular Activities:**
 - Join clubs or organizations that interest you.
 - Explore a variety of extracurricular activities to find your passions.
 - Consider volunteering or community service.
- **Test Preparation:**
 - Begin preparing for standardized tests (PSAT, SAT, or ACT) through practice materials or courses.
 - Take the PSAT/NMSQT to get a sense of your strengths and weaknesses.
- **College Research:**
 - Start researching colleges and universities to understand what you're looking for in a school.
 - Explore potential majors or career interests.

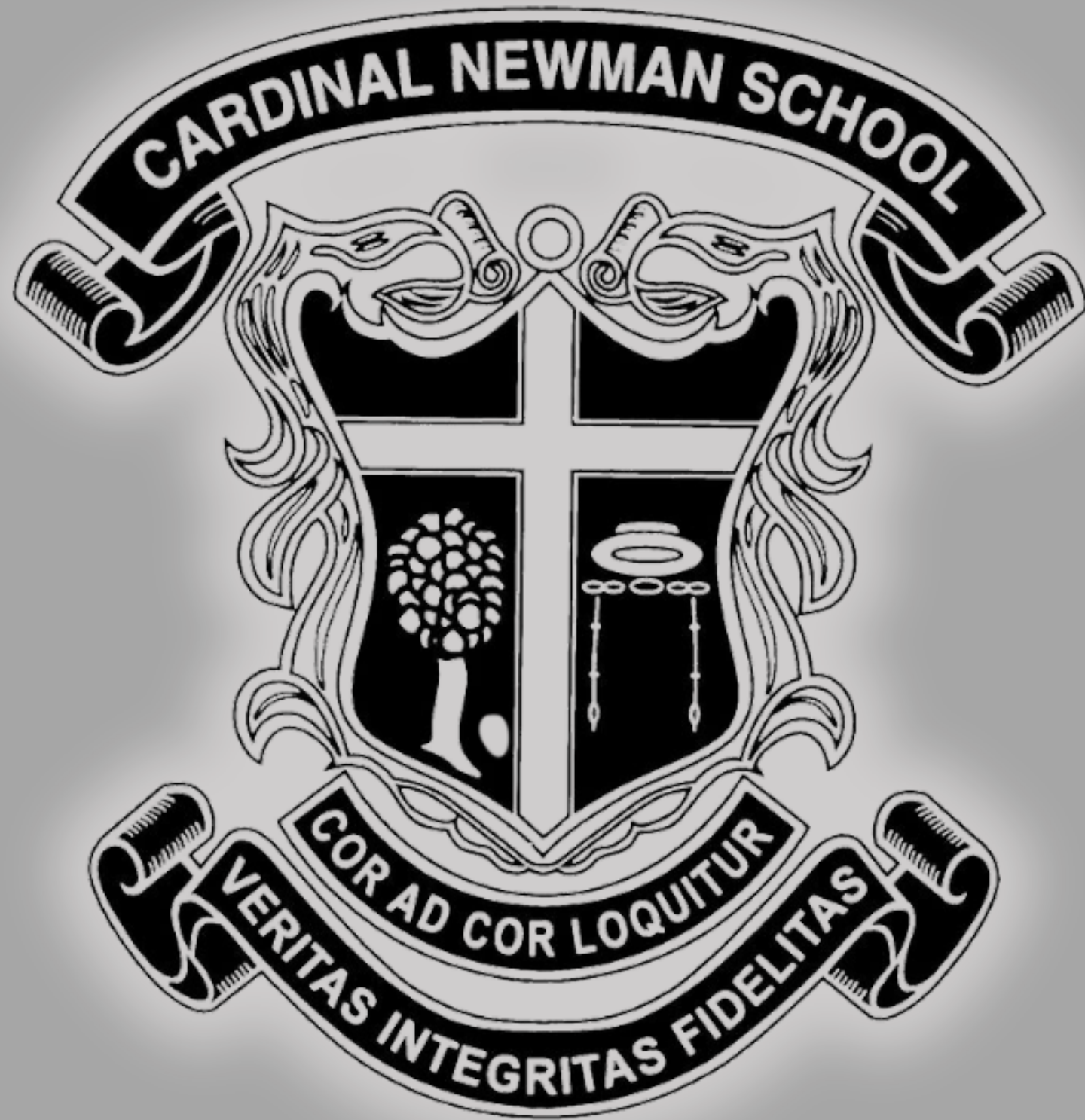


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- **10th Grade: Exploring Interests Academics:**
 - Continue taking challenging courses.
 - Begin thinking about your academic strengths and interests for potential majors.
 - Extracurricular Activities:
 - **Deepen your involvement in extracurricular activities.**
 - **Consider leadership roles within clubs or organizations.**
 - Test Preparation:
 - Take the PSAT/NMSQT again.
 - **Consider taking SAT Subject Tests if required by your desired colleges.**
 - College Research:
 - **Visit college campuses if possible.**
 - **Create a preliminary list of colleges you're interested in.**
 - **Research scholarship opportunities.**

11th Grade: Getting Serious About College Academics:

- Take the most challenging courses available to you.
- Maintain a strong GPA.
- **Consider enrolling in AP courses if you haven't already.**
- Extracurricular Activities:
 - Continue your involvement in clubs, sports, or community service.
 - **Start thinking about how your extracurricular activities relate to your potential major or career.**
- Test Preparation:
 - **Take the SAT or ACT (or both) in the spring.**
 - **Prepare rigorously for these exams, potentially with the help of test prep courses.**
- College Research:
 - **Finalize your list of colleges.**
 - **Attend college fairs and information sessions.**
 - **Seek out teachers for letters of recommendation.**





12th Grade: The Application Year Academics:

- Complete any remaining coursework strong.
- Meet with your school counselor to ensure you're on track for graduation.
- Extracurricular Activities:
- Continue your involvement in clubs or organizations.
- **Reflect on your extracurricular experiences in your college applications.**
- Test Preparation:
- Retake the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- **Send your test scores to colleges.**
- **College Applications:**
- **Start and complete college applications well before deadlines.**
- **Request letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors.**
- Write a compelling personal essay.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if needed.**
- **Scholarships and Financial Aid:**
- Apply for scholarships and financial aid.
- Research and apply for grants or scholarships based on your intended major or interests.
- **Decision Time:**
- Evaluate admission offers and financial aid packages.
- Make your final college selection.

Champions Do More



Attack your classes like you attack your sport or your creative arts program.

Go to academic support regularly. Attend extra help sessions prepared to ask questions, and create peer group study sessions. Strive to improve your grades like you would your stats.

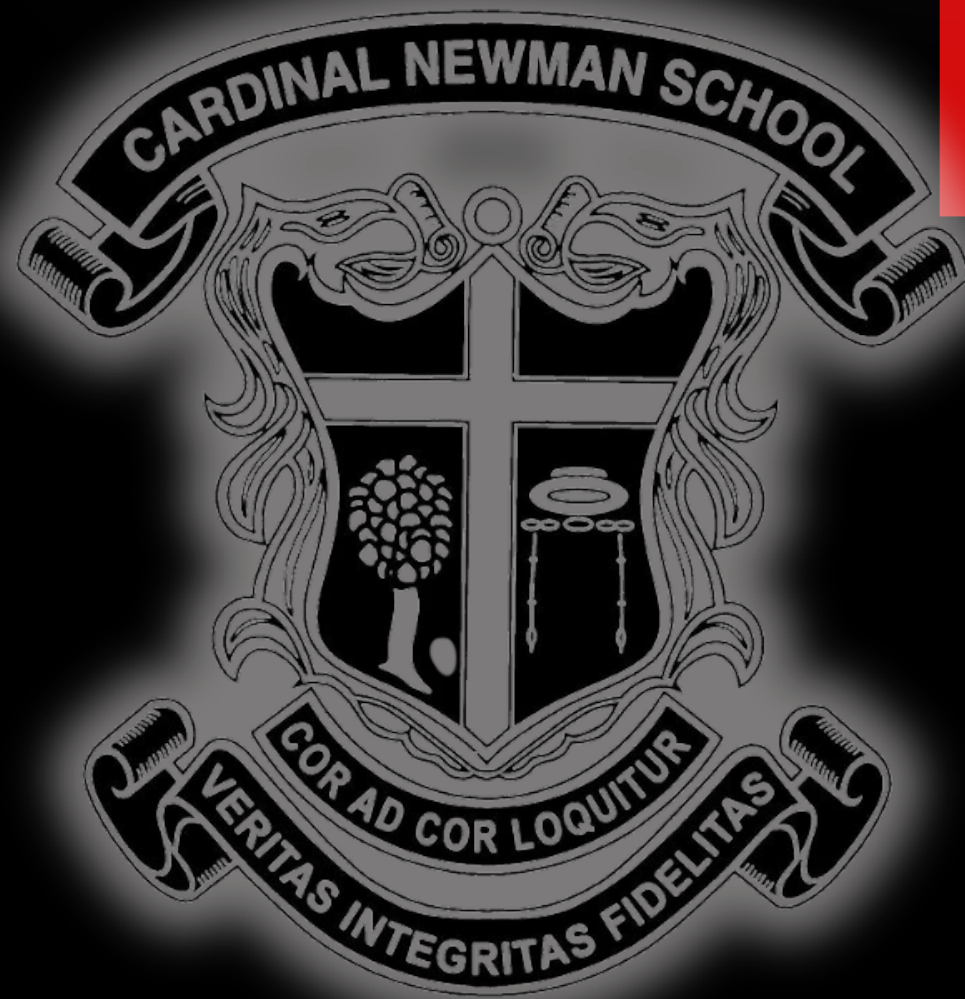
Prepare for the

PSAT

PREP CLASSES

Fall Prep

Link



SAT
ACT

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/>