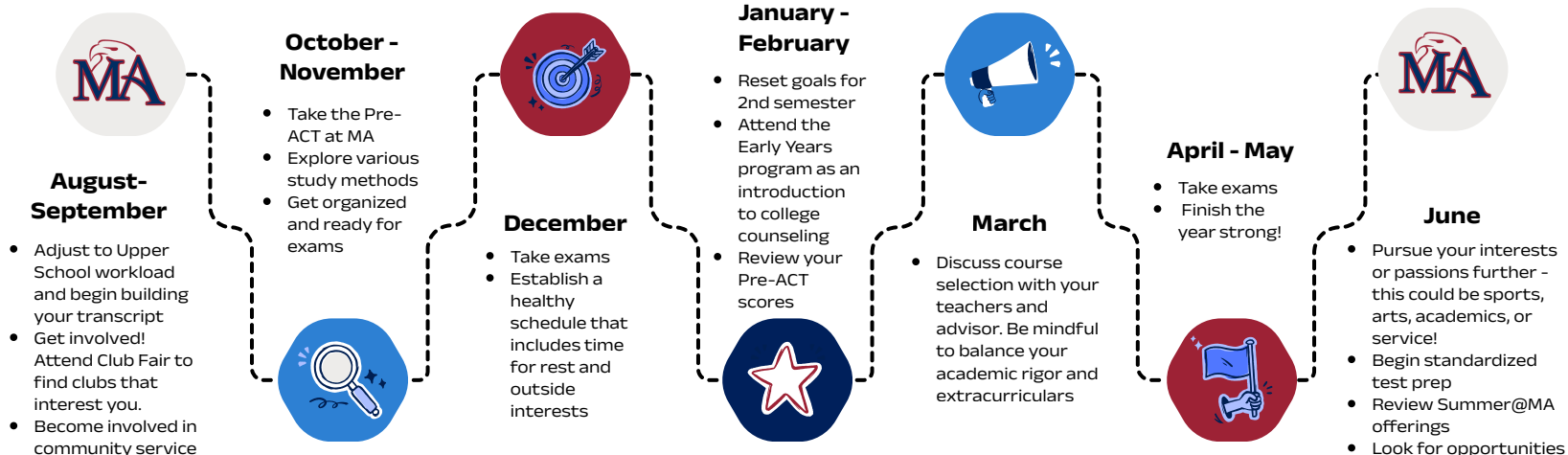


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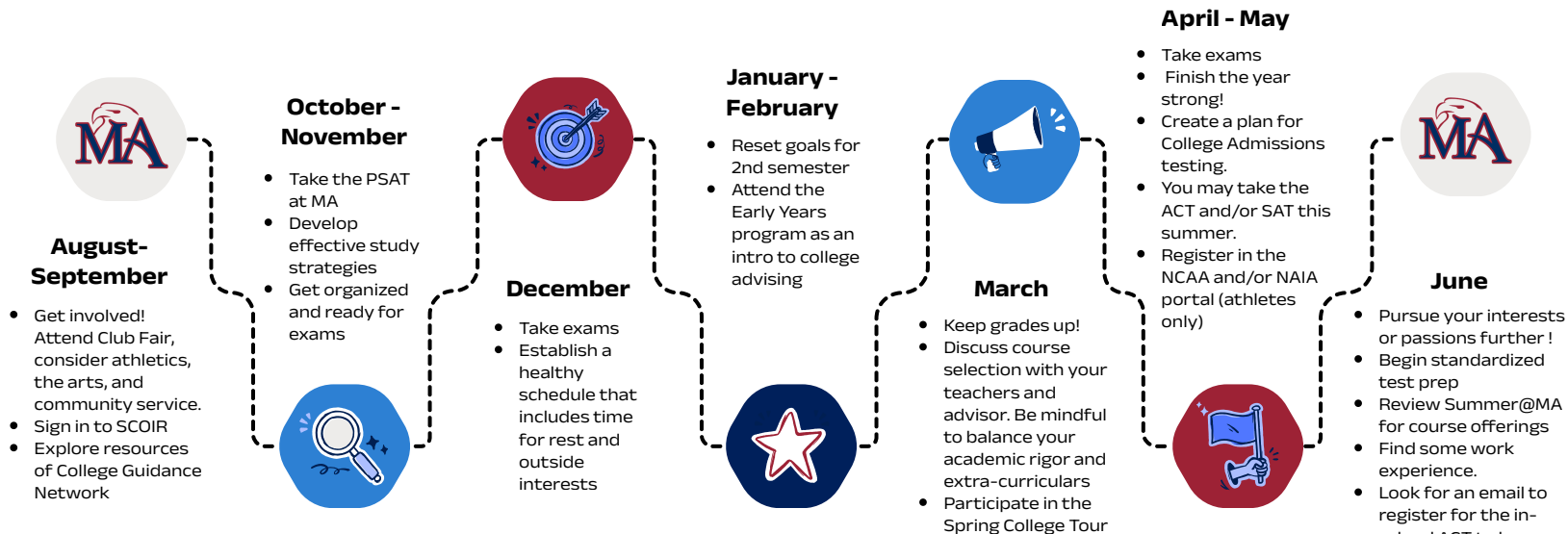
Ninth Grade



Freshman year lays the foundation for the next four years. Focus on adjusting to the Upper School, building strong relationships with your advisor and teachers, and developing effective study habits as expectations increase. During bi-monthly Enrichment sessions, students complete Methodize modules that strengthen skills in study strategies, communication, and organization.

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Tenth Grade



Sophomore year is about finding balance between academics and extracurricular activities while continuing to grow and explore your interests. During bi-monthly Enrichment sessions, students shift to ACT preparation through Methodize. Practice testing helps students become familiar with formats and content, building confidence for future testing while keeping the focus on overall growth and engagement.

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August-September

- Attend on-campus college rep visits
- Continue ACT/SAT testing plan
- Get involved! Attend Club Fair, consider sports, the arts, and community service
- Seek leadership opportunities
- Attend Junior College Advising Kickoff
- Establish relationships with teachers
- Verify your transcript in SCOIR
- Register in the NCAA and/or NAIA portals (athletes only)

October - November

- Take the PSAT-NMSQT at MA
- Get organized and ready for exams



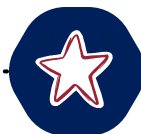
December

- Take exams
- Establish a healthy schedule that includes time for rest and outside interests



January - February

- Reset goals for 2nd semester
- Attend Junior Jumpstart!
- Continue engaging with Methodize for test prep
- Initial 1:1 student meeting with college advisor
- Family meetings with College Advisor
- Complete SCOIR questionnaire
- Complete YouScience questionnaire



March

- Keep grades up!
- Discuss course selection with teachers and advisor. Be mindful to balance academics and extra-curriculars
- Participate in the Spring College Tour with College Advisors

April - May

- Take exams
- Finish the year strong



June

- Pursue your interests or passions further - sports, arts, academics, and/or service!
- Continue ACT/SAT testing plan
- Find some work experience or an internship
- Visit colleges
- Continue to work on personal essay
- Begin supplemental essays
- Finalize resume
- Verify the information on your transcript and submit FERPA release form to college advising
- Research and pursue financial aid information
- Look for an email to register for the in-school ACT test which you will take in October

Junior year is a time to engage deeply with your courses, teachers, and classmates as academic expectations increase. Continue ACT preparation through Methodize during fall Enrichment sessions, and use long weekends and school breaks to begin visiting colleges. In February, Enrichment shifts to dedicated college advising meetings as students begin the college search and planning process.

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August-September

- Common App opens on August 1
- Attend College Essay writing workshop and Common App workshop on campus
- Attend college rep visits hosted on campus
- Submit applications! Stay on top of deadlines
- Start applying for scholarships
- Get involved! Attend Club Fair, consider sports, the arts, and community service
- Seek leadership opportunities.
- Make sure your NCAA and/or NAIA portal is updated(athletes only)



October - November

- Finish your ACT/SAT testing plan
- Apply for financial aid using FAFSA/CSS Profile
- Be aware of EA and/or ED deadlines
- Get organized and ready for exams

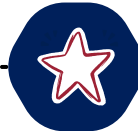


December

- Take exams
- Establish a healthy schedule that includes time for rest and outside interests

January - February

- Reset goals for 2nd semester
- Continue meetings with college advisors
- Apply for supplemental scholarships
- Submit Honors College applications



March

- Continue checking admissions decisions
- Attend admitted student days
- Narrow down college choices



April-May

- Submit your enrollment deposit to one college by May 1
- Submit a housing deposit and register for freshman orientation
- Update SCOIR with all of your application outcomes
- Take exams
- Finish the year strong
- Enjoy your final days at MA and celebrate!

Senior year is an opportunity to lead and leave your mark on The Montgomery Academy community. Stay focused in your classes and activities while managing application and essay deadlines. Fall Enrichment sessions continue with college advising to support the application process. In February, Enrichment shifts to College 101 programming, a series of speakers and activities designed to prepare students for the transition to college and life beyond MA.