For Sophomore Parents:

Dear Villa Parent,

At Villa Joseph Marie, we are continually seeking meaningful ways to support our students as they grow, learn, and prepare for what lies ahead. In keeping with our motto, *"Always more, Always better, Always with Love,"* we are excited to introduce a new partnership with Capstone Education that will provide our sophomores with a valuable ACT preparation experience.

On April 17th, sophomores will take a practice ACT exam administered by Capstone Education in collaboration with our Counseling Department. This assessment is designed to closely mirror the ACT experience, but without the pressure of an official test. During their junior year, students will take the SAT and/or ACT as part of the college admissions process. This practice opportunity will give students helpful insight into the format and expectations of the ACT and allow them to reflect on whether the SAT or ACT may be the better fit. Having already taken a practice PSAT in the fall, students will now be able to compare both experiences as they begin planning for future testing.

Later in April, students will receive a detailed score report that includes their ACT results, an analysis of strengths and areas for growth, and a digital copy of the test for review. They will also receive a comparison of their ACT and PSAT performance (if applicable). In addition, on Wednesday, May 6th from 6:00–7:00 PM, we will host an informational session with Capstone Education to help families better understand the results and support their student's testing plan for junior year. Here is the link to that virtual meeting.

We are grateful to offer this opportunity as another way to guide and support our students on their academic journey. With the expertise of Capstone Education and the continued support of our counselors, we are confident this experience will help students build both confidence and clarity as they prepare for the next steps. At Villa, living out our mission means thoughtfully equipping our students for success - and this is one more way we do just that.

Best,

Valerie Prucnal — Principal

Linda Smith — Director of Counseling

For Freshman Parents:

Dear Villa Parent,

At Villa Joseph Marie, we are committed to supporting our students from the very beginning of their high school journey, helping them build confidence and develop the skills they will need for future success. In that spirit, we are pleased to offer our first-year students an early opportunity to engage in the standardized testing process through a practice PSAT experience in partnership with Capstone Education.

On April 17th, first-year students will take a practice PSAT administered by Capstone Education in collaboration with our Counseling Department. This assessment serves as an important early step in the college admissions journey. While students will take the official PSAT/NMSQT and SAT during their junior year, this practice test provides a valuable introduction to the structure and content of these exams. It allows students to begin building familiarity and confidence while establishing a baseline for growth as they progress through high school. The experience is designed to closely mirror the PSAT, but without the pressure of an official test, and scores will not be shared with colleges.

Later in April, students will receive a detailed score report that includes their PSAT score, an analysis of strengths and areas for growth, and a digital copy of the test for review. In addition, on Wednesday, May 6th from 7:00–8:00 PM, we will host an informational session with Capstone Education to help families understand the results and consider next steps in preparing for future testing in sophomore and junior years. Here is the link to that virtual call.

We are excited to provide this opportunity as part of our ongoing commitment to thoughtful, student-centered preparation. With the guidance of Capstone Education and the support of our Counseling Office, we believe this experience will give our first-year students a strong and confident start as they look ahead to their academic futures.

Best,

Valerie Prucnal — Principal

Linda Smith — Director of Counseling