

Counselors' Corner

March 2026

Quarter 3 Happenings

March 13-20: Spring Break
March 26: Q3 Report Cards
March 28: Prom
April 17: Senior Grad Bash
May 4-15: AP Exams
May 13: Graduation Rehearsal
May 18: Graduation

St. Johns River State College

April 15: last day for new admissions for Summer
April 30: last day for new registrations for Summer

School Counselors

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Freshmen

By now, students have met with their counselor to select 10th grade courses that best fit their goals. As we approach the final weeks of the school year, students are preparing for several important assessments. The end of the year is an important time to maintain effort and attendance, as final grades impact credits earned and preparation for 10th grade.

Prepare for Testing: Students may have EOCs, final exams, and AP exams approaching.

Encourage your student to review notes, create a study plan, and reach out to teachers early if they need help.

Stay Organized: Keeping track of assignments, due dates, and exam schedules can help reduce stress during the busy final weeks of school. Prioritize your well-being. Adequate sleep, healthy meals, and short study breaks can help students stay focused and perform their best.

Sophomores

As Quarter 3 comes to an end, sophomores should focus on improving their study skills, accessing campus supports if needed, and building their extracurricular resume.

- By now you should have completed your registration with your School Counselor. We encourage students to review their transcript and balance their rigor courses with non-academic demands. Need a schedule change? Visit the PVHS website to submit your request.
- FAST scores should be posted to student HAC accounts within one week of taking the exam. If students are unable to view their scores, they can speak with our Testing Coordinator, Ms. Halter, in the Media Center.

Juniors

School Counselors presented in the US History classes in January. Students were given their early evaluation Bright Futures Transcripts. Topics covered:

- requirements for Bright Futures such as the minimum GPA, testing requirements, and community service or paid work hours
- how to read the transcript and determine which classes are used to calculate the BF GPA

Additional topics included:

- students reviewing their credits and completing their graduation requirement worksheets using their transcripts
- discussion on strength of schedule for senior year
- spring and summer planning including taking the ACT/SAT/CLT, working on personal essays, starting CommonApp

Seniors

- All midyear reports were sent to colleges listed on senior Xello accounts.
- As seniors prepare for graduation, it is important for them to remain focused on finishing second semester strong as colleges review all final transcripts. Courses and grades on the final transcript must match all self-reported course information. If any course changes were made in semester two, seniors need to update this information.
- As college decisions come in, seniors should be updating their Xello accounts with those decisions. Most colleges have a May 1st deadline to accept/decline offers.
- Make sure your senior has ordered their cap/gown and yearbook and has paid their senior dues. All important dates and graduation information is posted on the Class of 2026 page of the PVHS website.