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Underclassmen Edition | January 8, 2025

CCHS Freshman and Sophomore Parent Event: VIRTUAL Conversations with the Counselors

Parents of freshmen and sophomores are invited to join the CCHS College Counselors virtually for the upcoming **Conversation with Counselors event next Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 PM**. The purpose of this event is to ease you into the college exploration and search process and to give you items that you and your student focus on during their underclassmen years to be set up for a smooth and intentional college application process later. Topics will include:

- College Planning/Search Timeline for underclassmen
- An overview of the CCHS College Counseling Curriculum
- Academics and Graduation Requirements
- Standardized Testing Overview
- Community Service & College Resume

You will receive an email with the Microsoft Teams Link that will give you access to the session. Plan to join us virtually at 6:30 next Thursday!

Important Announcement: Transitioning from Naviance Student to Maia Learning

9th-11th grade students and parents should have received an **important email from Ms. Troutman on Monday, January 6th** regarding the transition from Naviance Student over to Maia Learning, our new college planning software. [You can watch this video to get a brief overview of Maia Learning](#). All student Maia Learning Log-ons are connected to your school Gmail account, so you can log in directly with your email. **It is very important that you read this email and understand what information will and will not be transferred over from Naviance.**

The College Counseling Team will be in all Junior classrooms next Wednesday, January 15 to walk through the new software. Sophomores and Freshmen will have an overview of the software as well in their upcoming group sessions this spring. Please reach out to college counseling with any questions you may have.



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Spring CCHS College Counseling Events

Freshmen

January 16- Conversations with the Counselors Event for Parents of 9th and 10th grade students

February 19- Freshmen College Counseling Group #2- Strengths Finder Assessment

March - May - Freshmen Optional Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling

April 2- Course Advising with College Counselors in Bible classes

April 9- Individual Course Advising opportunities in Bible class with the Academics Department

April 16 & 17- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B

Sophomores

January 16- Conversations with the Counselors Event for Parents of 9th and 10th grade students

January 22- Sophomore College Counseling Group #2- Career Interest Profiler

Jan - May- Sophomore Optional Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling

February & March- College Exposure Trip Opportunities (separate emails will be sent with details for trip registration)

April 3- Course Advising with College Counselors in Bible class

April 8- Individual Course Advising opportunities in Bible class with the Academics Department

April 16 & 17- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B

Juniors

Nov - May- Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling *** Highly encouraged for all juniors.*

February & March- College Exposure Trip Opportunities (separate emails will be sent with details for trip registration)

January 15- Introduction to Maia Learning, our new college planning software (*replacing Naviance*)

February 3- Parent Event: "Gear up for Senior Year" (6:30 PM in the Williamson Room)- *Registration coming soon!*

March 24- Junior College Counseling VIRTUAL Group Session #3- The College Essay

April 16 & 17- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B

April 24- Junior College Counseling Group #4- College Application Preparation

*** All junior course advising is done individually in the one-on-one college counseling meeting. Please schedule an individual meeting with your primary counselor for course advising.*



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Junior & Sophomore Individual Counseling Meetings

Start off 2025 with a focus on the future! Juniors & Sophomores are able to schedule an individual college planning meeting with your primary college counselor. Create a plan for SAT/ACT/CLT testing, refine your college list, discuss college visits, plan courses for next year, discuss diploma graduation type, review your resume, and much more in these personalized sessions. We highly encourage you to schedule **prior** to March when course selection opens. The counselors calendars fill QUICKLY. **Please be sure you schedule during a non-core and non-Bible class period**

Counselor Appointment Calendars

Mr. Cave (Student Last Names A - G): calendly.com/cave-matthew

Mrs. Graves (Student Last Names H - O): calendly.com/graves-kristin

Ms. Troutman (Student Last Names P - Z): calendly.com/troutman-dana

Upcoming College Fairs:

Christian College Fair - February 5 at Indian Rocks Christian School: NACCAP is hosting a Christian College Fair at Indian Rocks Christian School on February 7th from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. *If you plan on attending the fair, please reach out to your primary college counselor to arrange use of one of your "college visit days" for an excused absence in periods 6-8.*

HBCU College Fair - April 5 at Shorecrest Preparatory School: Shorecrest is hosting a HBCU College Fair on April 5th beginning at 1pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

United States Service Academy Information Session- January 28

Are you interested in learning more about the United States Service Academies? On Tuesday, January 28 during 6th period, come listen to a presentation from Mr. Matthews, our on-campus Blue and Gold officer, to learn more about the service academies, the application process, and what life at an academy looks like. Parents are welcome to sign up and attend as well. Please email Ms. Smith (smith.amy@cchs.us) with any questions regarding this event.

REGISTER HERE

Date: Tuesday, January 28th

Time: 12:30 - 1:15 PM

Location: HS 203



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Are you on track with College Planning?

Utilize the CCHS College Planning Timelines to help you stay on track for all of your college planning:

[Freshman Year Timeline](#)

[Sophomore Year Timeline](#)

[Junior Year Timeline](#)

Registering for ACT SAT & CLT

All juniors should begin testing **no later** than this spring semester and retesting timelines should aim to achieve your goal score by fall of senior year. It is a CCHS graduation requirement to have at least one ACT, SAT, or CLT test score on file by the first day of senior year.

Sophomores on an advanced math track (*completed Alg. I, Geom., and in Alg. II or completed Alg. I, Alg. II, and are in Geom.*) should also consider testing in spring of sophomore year.

Use the links above to make an appointment with your college counselor to discuss your testing plan.

[Upcoming ACT/SAT/CLT Test Dates](#)

[ACT/SAT Tutoring/Test Prep](#)

US Service Academies' Summer Programs for Current Juniors

Students considering application to the US Service Academies should give serious thought to applying to attend their summer seminar programs for juniors entering their senior year. These programs allow you to experience the life of a cadet, on-campus and attendance will improve your chances in the Academy application process.

- [US Air Force Academy Summer Seminar](#): Summer Seminar allows participants to live like a US Air Force Academy cadet for four days. Applications open now through January 15, 2025.
- [US Military Academy \(Army/West Point\) The Summer Leaders Experience \(SLE\)](#): Applications for SLE Summer 2025 will open on February 15th 2025
- [US Naval Academy Summer Seminar](#): Your Summer Seminar application will also serve as a preliminary application to the Academy that you will complete before or during your senior year. Application opens January 6, 2025.
- [US Coast Guard Academy AIM Summer Program](#): Application is open February 1, 2025.



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Informational Resources:

PSAT- [CLICK HERE](#)

ACT, SAT and CLT - [CLICK HERE](#)

ACT/SAT Tutoring- [CLICK HERE](#)

Desmos Digital SAT Calculator Training- [CLICK HERE](#)

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your primary college counselor.

-- Your CCHS College Counseling Team



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