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Senior Edition | October 2, 2024

Upcoming Bay Area Independent Schools College Fair - October 6

The BAIS College Fair is open to students who attend local area private schools that are a part of the BAIS consortium. All CCHS students/families are invited to attend this large- scale nationwide fair. This is a highly sought after fair by college representatives, as they know these private high schools educate high caliber students. There will be approximately 150 schools from across the country represented! [CLICK HERE](#) to view the list of colleges and universities that will be in attendance.

The fair will be held at the St. Petersburg Coliseum on Sunday, October 6 from 12 - 2:00 PM. Students who attend should wear a CCHS t-shirt or polo to the fair so they can be noted as a CCHS student and thus permitted to attend the fair. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Free College Application Events at CCHS

College Counseling is excited to offer seniors three opportunities to meet with college admissions offices to complete a college application for FREE, and have the potential to receive an admissions decision on the spot! There may even be snacks and giveaways for those who attend. Join us to apply for [BUF - Calvary College](#) on October 8th, [Southeastern University](#) on October 15th or [St. Petersburg College](#) on October 22nd. Both events will be in Cafe One:22 during 7th and 8th period.

October 8- [BUF - Calvary College Application Event](#)

October 15- [Southeastern Apply Yourself](#)

October 22- [SPC Apply Yourself](#)

FFAA Now Open (Bright Futures Application)

On October 1, the FFAA (Bright Futures) applications opened. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the important email that was sent to you on October 1 regarding the completion of these important financial aid applications and other private scholarships.

***** Seniors cannot receive the Bright Futures scholarship if the FFAA is not completed.***

***** Seniors can pick a copy of their initial Bright Futures eligibility evaluation in the college counseling offices.***



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2024 High School Essay Contest | Opportunity for 9th -12th grade

The US district court invites students to participate in their annual essay contest. This year, students are asked to critically think and write about the concept of analyzing how technology in school has affected students' understanding of the First Amendment.

Eligible Participants: 9th - 12th Grade

Submission Deadline: October 30

Prizes: 1st- \$2000, 2nd- \$1000, 3rd- \$500, 4th-10th- \$250

[CLICK HERE](#) For more information regarding the High School Essay Contest

Senior Parent Seminar Resources

Senior Parents, if you missed either one of the Senior Parent Seminars (part 1 of 2), you can access the resources from these meetings below:

- Senior Parent Seminar Part 1– The College Application- Download [Resource Packet](#)
- **Thursday, October 24th 6:30 PM-- Part 2– "Financial Aid 101"** Register [HERE](#) (Location: Williamson Room)

College Application Goal Deadline Rapidly Approaching

This is a friendly reminder that college application deadlines are quickly approaching. Many colleges have required November 1st deadlines and others have preferred/priority deadlines of October 15 or November 1st. It is best practice to have your applications in by November 1st (unless you have been instructed differently by your college counselor or an admissions representative). We encourage you to check your college application deadlines (via the admissions website of your colleges) to assure you are on track for timely submission of your applications and required documents.

[CLICK HERE](#) to review the August 28 Senior Group session when college counselors were in your classrooms to review the application process. This is a good refresher if you need reminders about the process. **If you have not done so already, you should schedule an individual meeting with your college counselor for help and assistance through this process.**



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Study Hall Pop-Ins Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, October 8th, the College Counselors will visit all CCHS Study Halls to answer questions for students. Below is a list of helpful resources as you continue through the application process:

- [Video: Senior Group #1 \(from August 28\) - The College Application Process](#)
- [CCHS College Counseling Webpage](#)
- [CCHS October/November Scholarship Digest](#)

Individual College Counseling Meeting

Need help with your college applications? Would you like an individual meeting with your college counselor to make sure you are on track? We're happy to help you! You may schedule now for a non-core academic period using the links below:

- **Mr. Cave-** <https://calendly.com/cave-matthew>
Seniors A - G
- **Mrs. Graves-** <https://calendly.com/graves-kristin>
Seniors H - O
- **Ms. Troutman-** <https://calendly.com/troutman-dana>
Seniors P - Z

UPCOMING SENIOR GRADUATION REMINDERS:

1. Submit one application to at least one 4-year college/university **by December 13th.**
2. Online courses (such as FLVS and BCF) used to meet graduation requirements must be completed **by December 13th**

It is each senior's responsibility to assure they are meeting all of the requirements for graduation and their diploma type. Please see the [Course Description Handbook](#) on the CCHS website for a full listing of graduation requirements and diploma type requirements.

Have questions or need help? Schedule an appointment with your primary college counselor. See the links above

Transcript Reminders

Seniors applying to any of the following universities should note that your application will be considered incomplete until you follow each institution's specific instructions to submit your transcripts. You should



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view the admissions website of your respective colleges to assure you have correctly submitted your transcripts through one of the various methods that is required by that institution.

- [Electronic Official Transcript-- Requested through Naviance](#)
- [SSAR](#)
- [SRAR](#)
- [SSAR and SRAR-- use the same Log in](#)

Unofficial transcripts can be requested from Mrs. Mullholand at mullholand.connie@cchs.us

College Representative Visits

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person AND virtually this year in **HS 203** at CCHS. Registration is required for these sessions which are open to students in 10th-12th grade. For a list of colleges hosting a session and to register, check out the "What's New" section of [the Naviance Student](#) home screen. The list is updated weekly, so please check back every week for new colleges added to the visit schedule. Please reference the "College Rep Visit" attendance policy in the Parent/Student Handbook in regards to your responsibility for your class attendance.

Upcoming Visits:

October 3- College of Charleston & Grand Canyon University
October 7- Florida State University & Lehigh University
October 8- Villanova University (VIRTUAL) & Jacksonville University
October 9- United States Naval Academy
October 10- Florida Polytechnic University, Queens University of Charlotte, & Florida Institute of Technology
October 17- University of Miami & Michigan State University
October 21- Saint Leo University
October 22- Lynn University
October 24- University of South Florida - St. Petersburg

Upcoming College Fairs & Events for Seniors

- **BAIS National College Fair**- October 6, 12-2 PM at St. Petersburg Coliseum - over 150 schools from all over the US. (*NOTE: students who attend should wear a CCHS t-shirt or polo to the fair so they can be noted as a CCHS student and thus permitted to attend the fair*)
- **Pasco West College Fair**- October 8, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Mitchell High School



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- **Application Help Session-** October 23 9-11 AM in Cafe One:22 come see the college counselors with any questions you may have about your college applications or any other college counseling related questions during the PSAT testing for underclassmen.
- **Senior Parent Seminar-- Part 2-- "Financial Aid 101"** Register [HERE](#) October 24 6:30 PM (Location: Williamson Room)
- Annual HBCU Virtual Festival- November 8 from 4-8 PM & November 9 from 9 AM-4 PM during this virtual event, have the opportunity to apply onsite and receive same-day admissions decisions, receive scholarships, engage with HBCU reps and learn more about their schools.
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Informational Resources:

ACT and SAT Information- [CLICK HERE](#)

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

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

CCHS College Application Guidebook- [CLICK HERE](#)

\$\$ October Scholarships \$\$- [CLICK HERE](#)

CCHS Scholarship Resources- [CLICK HERE](#)

Naviance Student Log-In- [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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