



# CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

*You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;". -Psalm 16:11a*

## Underclassmen Edition | August 21, 2024

### **ATTENTION JUNIORS- Time to schedule your ACT/SAT: National Test Dates are available!**

ACT, SAT and CLT have released the testing dates for 2024-25. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a listing of test dates and registration links. It is encouraged that juniors begin testing soon.

*\*\*CCHS recommends that you begin taking your ACT/SAT/CLT tests after you have completed Algebra 2 or the second semester of Junior year (whichever comes first for you).*

*NOTE: When testing digitally, CCHS recommends that students bring a backup device on testing day. This ensures you can access the digital testing platform and avoid disruptions if your primary device fails or cannot connect to Wi-Fi.*

### **CCHS to Host Christian College Fair September 13th**

CCHS is pleased to announce the return of our annual Christian College Fair on Friday, September 13th. All CCHS students will have the opportunity to attend the fair on Friday morning in the church lobby.

For a list of questions to ask college representatives, refer to pages 43-45 in the [College Application Guidebook](#). Additionally, students can also learn about good college fair etiquette by watching this short video. [Watch this video College Fair Do's and Don'ts video](#)

### **COLLEGE VISIT DAYS-- ATTENDANCE CLARIFICATION**

During last Friday's assembly, the updated CCHS attendance policy for absences was covered; full details of our attendance policy can be found on pages 28-33 of the Parent-Student Handbook, with details on approved college and career visit days specifically highlighted on pages 30-31.

Please note that students are still permitted to complete college visits as approved, excused "College Days" for attendance purposes.

Freshmen are permitted **two** "college days" and students in grades 10 through 12 are permitted **four** "college days" per school year. In order for your attendance to be updated, you must provide the proper documentation from the college within **five** school days of your college visit. The acceptable documentation needed is explained on pages 30-31 of the Parent-Student Handbook.

### **Group College Counseling Sessions in 2024-25**

- **SOPHOMORES & FRESHMAN:** Group College Counseling sessions will take place in Bible classes this fall. College counselors will be joining 9th and 10th grade Bible classrooms 2-3 times each semester to help coach students in the college planning and exploration process. You will receive emails from the college counseling team as these groups get closer.
  - **Freshman Group #1-** September 18 (Introduction to your Naviance Account)
  - **Sophomore Group #1-** October 2 (The College Journey in Sophomore Year)
- **JUNIORS:** There will be four, strategically-timed group lessons for juniors this year as you conduct your college research, narrow-down your best-fit list of colleges, and prepare for the application process in senior year. You will receive emails from the college counseling team as each group date approaches.
  - **Junior Group #1-** September 11 (College Exploration Continued)

### **Revolution Prep Presentation at Shorecrest Preparatory School– August 26 at 6:30pm**

Shorecrest Preparatory School will be hosting a FREE presentation from Revolution Prep, a service who provides standardized test preparation for students. This presentation will help educate students and families about the generational shift in testing policies at colleges and universities, as well as the all-new digital format of the SAT. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register for this event.

### **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, [CLICK HERE](#). 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:**

September 9- University of Central Florida

September 10- Boston University (VIRTUAL), University of Alabama, & Wheaton College

September 12- Liberty University, University of North Florida, & Drexel University

September 19- University of Maine & University of Florida

September 24- Furman University, Florida Southern College & George Mason University

September 26- Pennsylvania State University, Baylor University & Villanova University

October 3- College of Charleston

October 7- Lehigh University

October 10- Florida Polytechnic University & Florida Institute of Technology

October 24- University of South Florida - St. Petersburg

### **Community Service Reminder– Submit Summer Hours by this Friday**

It is a CCHS graduation requirement to have 100 hours of community service completed by the first day of senior year. **All service hours that were completed over the summer must be turned**

**in by next Friday, August 30.** If you have questions about earning your 100 hours of community service for graduation and the Bright Futures scholarship, [CLICK HERE](#) to review information from Mrs. Doucette. She can assist you with any community service related questions, [doucette.bonnie@cchs.us](mailto:doucette.bonnie@cchs.us).

### **Upcoming College Fairs:**

The CCHS college counseling department encourages all students in 9th - 11th grade to attend one external college fair per year with your family to help inform your college search.

- **Christian College Fair-** September 13, 9:45 AM - 11 AM at CCHS- over 30 christian colleges
- [NACAC College Fair-](#) September 22, 1 PM - 4 PM in Orlando at the Orange County Convention Center
- **North Pinellas College Fair-** September 26, 6 PM - 7:30 PM at Countryside High School
- [Performing Arts College Fair-](#) September 29, 9 AM - 12 PM at the Straz Center
- **BAIS National College Fair-** October 6, time 12:00-2:00 PM at St. Petersburg Coliseum - over 150 schools from all over the US.
- **Pasco West College Fair-** October 8, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Mitchell High School