



# CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

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

## Underclassmen Edition | September 4, 2024

### **CCHS to Host Christian College Fair NEXT FRIDAY**

CCHS is pleased to announce our annual Christian College Fair next Friday, September 13th. We are excited to announce the addition of a career panel this year. All CCHS students will have the opportunity to attend the fair and career panel on Friday morning in the worship center and church lobby. The college fair/panel schedule runs as follows:

<b>9:45 - 10:20 AM</b>	11th & 12th grade attend the college fair in the worship center lobby
<b>9:45 - 10:20 AM</b>	9th & 10th grade attend Career Panel in the worship center
<b>10:20 - 10:25 AM</b>	Transition
<b>10:25 - 11:00 AM</b>	9th & 10th grade attend the college fair in the worship center lobby
<b>10:25 - 11:00 AM</b>	11th & 12th grade attend Career Panel in the worship center
<b>11:00 AM</b>	All students dismissed back to class

**[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF COLLEGES ATTENDING THE FAIR](#)**

**[Watch this video: College Fair Do's and Don'ts](#)**

**[Read this resource: Questions to ask at College Fairs](#)**

*Parents, you are welcome to attend the fair and panel with your child. If you wish to attend the fair during the school day with your student, please sign in at the front office before proceeding to the church lobby. Once you are finished attending the fair, please proceed back to the front desk to sign out. We ask that parents please wear their CCHS visitors name badge throughout their visit and depart campus through the front office once they are finished attending the fair.*

### **The Power of Desmos: A Digital SAT Game Changer**

Desmos Calculator Training for 11th & 12th grade students taking the Digital SAT  
With the introduction of the New Digital SAT in the Spring of 2024, one of the most significant changes is the use of a calculator on the entire math section. The Collegeboard has collaborated with Desmos, a powerful online graphing calculator, and embedded this tool for use into the test. This powerful tool can help you get questions correct easily...but you must know how to leverage it. The CCHS Mathematics Dept, College Counseling, and Mrs. Kraus have partnered together to provide free training for 11th and 12th grade students who will be taking the digital SAT this fall. Mrs. Kraus will share her tips & tricks using this tool, including what kinds of problems Desmos can help you get correct as well as save you time! This quick 1 hr session is designed for hands-on practice and for HIGHLY motivated students.

*Students in 9th and 10th grade will be receiving introductory training in their math classes this fall in preparation for the October PSAT date.*

### **Training Dates:**

**September 16th and September 23rd** | 3:10 - 4:00 PM in HS 207 [CLICK HERE](#) TO register for the in-person training

### **A Recorded session will be available after September 23rd**

If you are unable to attend one of the in-person sessions, [CLICK HERE](#) to register to receive a recorded version of the training AFTER September 23rd.

### **JUNIOR Individual Counseling Sessions Open for Scheduling**

**Beginning in November, juniors can meet one-on-one with their primary college counselor to discuss college planning.** These meetings are optional but strongly encouraged for juniors. Parents are always welcome but not required! In this meeting we will discuss:

- Your college search progress and the application process/requirements
- Your testing timeline and goal scores
- Your senior-year courses and graduation requirements
- Any of your questions

### **Online SCHEDULING Calendar:**

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

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

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

***\*\*Please be sure you schedule during a non-core academic class period!***

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

- **JUNIORS:** [first group session](#) in US History classes on **September 11**
- **SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN:** Group College Counseling sessions take place in Bible classes this fall. College counselors will be joining 9th and 10th grade Bible

classrooms 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.

- **9th grade College Counseling Group Session- September 18 in Bible Class--** *Get to know Naviance*
- **10th grade College Counseling Group Session-October 2 in Bible Class-** *Gearing up for College and Exploration*

### **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\**

### **College Representative Visits**

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person AND virtually this year in **HS 2023** 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:**

September 9- University of Central Florida

September 10- Boston University (VIRTUAL) & University of Alabama

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

September 16- Hampden-Sydney College

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- Florida State University & Lehigh University

October 10- Florida Polytechnic University & Florida Institute of Technology

October 22- Lynn University

October 24- University of South Florida - St. Petersburg

**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- approximately 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

**Resources and Links**

**PSAT- [CLICK HERE](#)** (CCHS Test Date- Oct 23)

*\*More information to be communicated by the Academics Dept. in the Warrior Weekly*

**ACT and SAT Info and Saturday Registration- [CLICK HERE](#)**

**Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)**