



CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

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

Underclassmen Edition | September 18, 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](#)

Upcoming Group College Counseling Sessions in 2024-25

- **JUNIORS:** Group Session #2 in US History classes on **November 5-- Diploma Declaration Session**
 - [CLICK HERE](#) to view Group Session #1
- **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 #1- in Bible Class TODAY-- Get to know Naviance**
 - **10th grade College Counseling Group Session #1- October 2 in Bible Class- - Exploring Careers**

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

Several Days Prior to Meeting, please be sure you have:

- Completed the [Game Plan Survey](#)
- Updated your resume in Naviance
- Added 3-5 colleges to your “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list in Naviance
- Look at [testing dates](#) and come up with a testing timeline/plan

Online SCHEDULING Calendar:

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

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

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

Naviance Tutorial

Parents, do you want to know more about the Naviance college planning tool that your students are using? *Students*, would you like a refresher of all the resources available to you in Naviance. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a Naviance tutorial and overview.

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 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:

September 19- University of Maine & University of Florida

September 23- Wake Forest & Virginia Tech

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

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

October 3- College of Charleston & Grand Canyon University

October 7- Florida State University & Lehigh University

October 9- United States Naval Academy

October 10- Florida Polytechnic University, Queens University of Charlotte, & Florida Institute of Technology

October 21- Saint Leo University

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.

- [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 Newsletter*

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

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

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)