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Underclassmen Edition | October 16, 2024

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 30th

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

<u>CLICK HERE</u> For more information regarding the High School Essay Contest

Scholarship Opportunity for JUNIORS: The Coolidge Scholarship

The Coolidge Scholarship is an annually awarded, full-ride, presidential scholarship that covers a student's tuition, room, board, and expenses for four years of undergraduate study. The Coolidge may be used by recipients at any accredited college or university in the United States. Anyone of any background, pursuing any academic discipline of study, may apply to this non-partisan, need-blind, program. For more information and to apply for this scholarship, CLICK HERE. The deadline to apply is December 11th, 2024 at 8PM ET.

Juniors: REQUIRED Game Plan Survey

After attending or watching the first junior college counseling <u>session</u>, <u>ALL</u> juniors must complete the required *Game Plan Survey*. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to complete the survey. This will assist your counselors in helping to prepare you for the college search and for your individual college counseling meeting this winter.

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 <u>testing dates</u> and come up with a testing timeline/plan



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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! Preferably during study hall or off-campus periods.

Upcoming Group College Counseling Sessions in 2024-25

- JUNIORS: Group Session #2 in US History classes in November-- Diploma Declaration Session
 - CLICK HERE to view Group Session #1
- 9th grade PSAT Test Score Review- in Bible Class on November 20
 - Click Here to view Group Session #1
- 10th grade College Counseling Group Session #2- in Bible Class on January 22
 - Click Here to view today's Group Session #1

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. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to watch a Naviance tutorial and overview.

College Representative Visits for the Coming Weeks

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person this year in HS 203 at CCHS. Registration is still required for these sessions which are open to students in grades 10 -12. For a list of colleges hosting a session and to register, check out the "What's New" section of the Naviance Student home screen. Please reference the "College Rep Visit" attendance policy in the Parent/Student Handbook on page 29 in regards to your responsibility for your class attendance.

Upcoming Visits:

October 17- University of Miami (Virtual)

October 22- Lynn University

October 24- University of South Florida- St Petersburg

November 4 - Samford University



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Upcoming College Fairs & Events

- North Pinellas College Fair (NEW DATE)- Tuesday, October 29th, 6PM at Countryside High School
- 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:

PSAT- <u>CLICK HERE</u>

ACT, SAT and CLT - CLICK HERE ACT/SAT Tutoring-CLICK HERE

Desmos Digital SAT Calculator Training- CLICK HERE

Community Service- 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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