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## 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](#)*

## Senior Parent College Counseling Seminar Series - September 19 & October 24

We encourage all 12th grade parents to attend our senior parent seminar series in September and October. We strive to partner with the families to assure you have all essential information needed to help your child to successfully launch into college.

- **TOMORROW, Thursday, September 19th 6:30 PM-- Part 1– “The College Application Process for Parents”** Register [HERE](#) (Location: Williamson Room)
- **Thursday, October 24th 6:30 PM-- Part 2– “Financial Aid 101”** Register [HERE](#) (Location: Williamson Room)

## Study Hall Pop-Ins

On Monday, September 30th, the College Counselors visited all CCHS Study Halls to answer questions for students. **Seniors and Parents**, if you have any questions or concerns while continuing to apply to colleges, please email or set up an individual meeting with your primary counselor! 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 August/September Scholarship Digest](#)



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## 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 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](mailto:mullholand.connie@cchs.us)

**\*\*SENIORS: Need help completing your SSAR? [REGISTER HERE](#) for our SSAR Workshop on October 1 from 3 - 5 PM in HS 219! In this workshop, the college counselors will assist you and walk you through the process of self reporting your transcripts.**

## 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**



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## **Individual, Senior College Counseling Appointments– Have you scheduled your meeting?**

The College Counseling Team is meeting with seniors to assist with questions related to their college applications. Please see the Calendly links below for counselor availability and to schedule a meeting.

- **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.*

## **Free Application Events at CCHS for St. Petersburg College & Southeastern University**

College Counseling is excited to offer seniors two 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 [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 15-** [Southeastern Apply Yourself](#)

**October 22-** [SPC Apply Yourself](#)



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## 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 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 Senior College Counseling Events:

- *Senior Parent Seminar*- TOMORROW, September 19, 6:30 PM (see information above)
- *Senior Financial Aid Night*- October 24, 6:30 PM (see information above)
- *SSAR Workshop #2*- October 1, 3:00-5:00 PM in Cafe A [Register Here](#)
- *COLLEGE FAIRS:*
  - **Christian College Fair**- September 13, 9:45 AM - 11 AM at CCHS- approx. 30 christian colleges
  - [NACAC College Fair](#)- September 22, 1 PM - 4 PM in Orlando



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- **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, 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

## Additional Resources and Links

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

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

\$\$ Aug/Sept Scholarships \$\$- [CLICK HERE](#)

CCHS Scholarship Resources- [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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