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Underclassmen Edition | February 5, 2026

9th & 10th Grade Parent Conversations with the Counselors Virtual Event

If you were unable to attend the most recent *Conversation with the Counselors* event, below are links to the resource handouts that were provided. If you have any questions about the information, please feel free to reach out to your primary College Counselor.

- [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Informational Packet from the meeting
- [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a recording of the meeting
- [CLICK HERE](#) to review the Course Planning Guidelines Booklet

CCHS Junior Parent Event: "Senior Year Gear Up" - TODAY, 6:30PM

Parents of juniors are invited to join the CCHS College Counselors for the upcoming **Senior Parent Gear Up event TONIGHT, February 5th at 6:30 PM in the Williamson Room**. The goal of this information session is to help you identify ways to proactively prepare for college applications. We will be discussing your students' "colleges I'm applying to" list, creating a Common App, evaluating test scores, resume building, revising a college essay, and graduation requirements. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#).

Student-Athlete Information VIRTUAL Session– February 23rd, 6:30PM

At 6:30 pm on Monday, February 23, the CCHS College Counseling Department will host a virtual information session with Madison Christian, Assistant Director of Compliance at the University of South Florida. This session is designed to be informational for families interested in understanding the collegiate athletic recruitment process.

This event will be held virtually and CCHS families will receive an email with the Meeting Link in February to gain access to the session. Email Ms. Smith- smith.amy@cchs.us with any questions.

9th-11th grade Individual Counseling Meetings

Juniors & Sophomores are able to schedule an individual college planning meeting with your primary college counselor. Freshmen meetings will open in March and Freshmen are welcome to begin scheduling their March meetings now. These are optional meetings available to all underclassmen at CCHS. Create a plan for standardized testing, refine your college list, discuss college visits, plan courses for next year, discuss diploma graduation type, review your resume, and much more in these personalized sessions. We highly encourage you to schedule **prior** to March when course selection



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opens. The counselors calendars fill **QUICKLY**. **Please be sure you schedule during a non-core and non-Bible class period**

Counselor Appointment Calendars

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

Mrs. Gelbaugh (Student Last Names H - P): calendly.com/gelbaugh-stacie

Ms. Troutman (Student Last Names Q - Z): calendly.com/troutman-dana

Spring College Fairs

HBCU College Fair - March 28 at Shorecrest Preparatory School: Shorecrest is hosting a HBCU College Fair on March 28 beginning at 1pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

March 26th- Pre-ACT Testing day for 9th & 10th grade & SAT School Day for 11th grade

In early March, you will receive emails from the Academics Department regarding plans for the upcoming Pre-ACT testing (9th and 10th grade) and SAT School Day (11th grade) on March 26th. Details for testing, dismissal times, etc will be shared in that email. If students wish to practice for these upcoming standardized tests, below are links to resources for practice that the students can do on their own time.

- 1) [SAT School Day Practice Resources available in the Bluebook App on student iPad](#)
- 2) [Pre-ACT/ACT practice resources](#). *The Pre-ACT is a pencil and paper test.*

Transcript Release Form for Student-Athletes

Are you an athlete looking to be recruited for college athletics? Recruited CCHS student-athletes are required to complete and sign the [student-athlete transcript release form](#) in order to have transcripts released to college coaches for the purpose of athletic recruitment. All completed forms should be sent to Ms. Smith- smith.amy@cchs.us. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the student-athlete transcript release form. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Smith for assistance.

College Representative Visits

College representative sessions will be hosted in-person in **HS 203** at CCHS. Registration is required for these sessions which are open to students in 10th-12th grade. Register for college representative visits in **Maia Learning** (click on the "Events" tab, then view "Visits"). 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"



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attendance policy in the Parent/Student Handbook in regards to your responsibility for your class attendance.

Upcoming Visits:

February 9- PreMedical Track Information Session
February 24- Emergency Response Training Information Session
February 24- University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Church Lobby)
February 25- Taylor University
February 26- Palm Beach Atlantic University

Reminder: No College Visits Permitted on March 4th

CCHS is excited to host the ACSI Apologetics Conference on March 4th. This conference is extremely important for the mission of our school; therefore, **students who are absent on this day will not be eligible to exempt semester 2 exams.** This also applies to "College Visit Days", as **College Counseling will not excuse any students for college visits on March 4th.** Please plan accordingly and schedule your college visits on other days throughout the semester. For more information on how to excuse your college visit days, [CLICK HERE](#).

US Service Academies' Summer Programs for Current Juniors

Students considering application to the US Service Academies should give serious thought to applying to attend their summer seminar programs for juniors entering their senior year. These programs allow you to experience the life of a cadet, on-campus and attendance will improve your chances in the Academy application process.

- [US Military Academy \(Army/West Point\) The Summer Leaders Experience \(SLE\)](#): Applications for SLE Summer 2026 will open on February 15th 2026
- [US Naval Academy Summer Seminar](#): Your Summer Seminar application will also serve as a preliminary application to the Academy that you will complete before or during your senior year. Application opens January 6, 2026.
- [US Coast Guard Academy AIM Summer Program](#): Application is open February 8, 2026.

Tampa Bay Regional Admissions Briefing - Thursday, March 5 at 6PM

Are you interested in applying to West Point? Join captain Philip Wubbold, Southeast Regional Commander USMA Directorate of Admissions on Thursday, March 5th from 6-9pm at the University of



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South Florida to learn more about what West Point offers, life as a cadet, and the application process. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the flyer for the admissions briefing. **Reach out to your college counselor with any questions regarding this event.**

Informational Resources:

PSAT- [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

Summer Enrichment - [CLICK HERE](#)

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

Maia Learning Log-In- [CLICK HERE](#)

How to Excuse College Visit Days - [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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