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Now is the time for College Campus Visits

Spring Break is a GREAT time to visit colleges! Sophomores and Juniors, you get an idea of how colleges really ARE so different. It's so important to walk on the campus, see students, and view campus life. *US News & World Report* published this list of tips to keep in mind as you visit colleges. **CLICK HERE** to read the full article. The CCHS College Counselors ***highly encourage*** high school students to begin visiting college campuses in-person during the spring and summer.
Click to learn: **How to Get College Visit Days Excused**

14 Tips for an Effective College Visit

1. Start planning early.
2. Know what to expect from an in-person tour.
3. Establish a budget for college visits.
4. Check out other campuses nearby.
5. Explore various virtual tour options.
6. Consider drive-thru visits.
7. Learn about the local community.
8. Get student perspectives.
9. Explore academic departments.
10. Visit a dining hall or student center.
11. Ask about campus safety.
12. Get financial aid information.
13. Explore college through the lens of campus media.
14. Document and share your visit.

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9th-11th grade Course Advising for 2026-27

Course selection time for the 2026-27 school year is quickly approaching. If you wish to meet with your counselor to plan your course selection for next year and review your four year planner, we recommend scheduling your meeting NOW. The counselors' calendars fill up very quickly in late March and April. We encourage you to get ahead of the rush and schedule your meeting now!

March 24-25- College Counselors in 9th and 10th grade Bible class to help students create and update their course planner
March 27- Course Selection Assembly with the Academics Department (for 9th-11th grade students)
March 31-College Counselors in 10th grade Bible class to individually review student course planners
April 2-College Counselors in 9th grade Bible class to individually review student course planners
April 7- College Counselors available for questions in all study halls
April 8 & 10- "Drop-in" Q & A with College Counseling for course selection questions during both LUNCH A & B
April 10- Course Selection Due in FACTS/RenWeb at 3 PM

If you wish to meet individually with your college counselor, outside of the above course advising opportunities, we highly encourage you to schedule **prior** to March 27 when course selection opens. The counselors calendars fill QUICKLY. ***Please be sure you schedule during a non-core class period or before/after school.***

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

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 close on April 15th.

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- 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 closes March 31st.
- US Coast Guard Academy AIM Summer Program: Application closes April 1st.

Athletic Recruitment Information

If you are interested in being athletically recruited to play college sports, we highly encourage you to review the following resources! *These resources are also available on our CCHS website:*

Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete
Student-Athlete Transcript Request (return via email to Ms. Smith)
Student-Athlete Virtual Information Session (Hosted for CCHS, February 2026)
NCAA Eligibility Link
NAIA Eligibility Link

Registering for ACT and SAT

All juniors should begin testing **no later** than this spring semester and retesting timelines should aim to achieve your goal score by October 1 of senior year. It is a CCHS graduation requirement to have at least one ACT or SAT test score on file by the first day of senior year.

Sophomores on an advanced math track *(completed Alg. I, Geom., and in Alg. II or completed Alg. I, Alg. II, and are in Geom.)* should also consider testing in spring of sophomore year.
Use the links above to make an appointment with your college counselor to discuss your testing plan.

Upcoming ACT and SAT Test Dates
ACT/SAT Tutoring/Test Prep

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

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If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to reach out to your primary college counselor.

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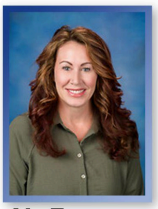

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