



CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

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

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ATTENTION JUNIORS- Time to schedule your ACT/SAT: National Test Dates are available!

ACT, SAT and CLT have released the testing dates for 2025-26. [CLICK HERE](#) to see a listing of test dates and registration links. It is encouraged that juniors begin testing soon.

***CCHS recommends that you begin taking your ACT/SAT/CLT tests after you have completed Algebra 2 or the second semester of Junior year (whichever comes first for you).*

IMPORTANT NOTE: When testing digitally, CCHS recommends that students bring a backup device on testing day. This ensures you can access the digital testing platform and avoid disruptions if your primary device fails or cannot connect to Wi-Fi.

CCHS to Host Christian College Fair September 12th

CCHS is pleased to announce the return of our annual Christian College Fair on Friday, September 12th. All CCHS students will have the opportunity to attend the fair on Friday afternoon in the church lobby.

For a list of questions to ask college representatives, refer to pages 43-45 in the [College Application Guidebook](#). Additionally, students can also learn about good college fair etiquette by watching this short video. [Watch this video College Fair Do's and Don'ts video](#)

COLLEGE VISIT DAYS and Impact on Attendance

Full details of our attendance policy can be found on pages 30-34 of the Parent-Student Handbook, with details on approved college and career visit days specifically highlighted on pages 31-32. Please note that students are still permitted to complete college visits as approved, excused "College Days" for attendance purposes.

Freshmen are permitted **two** "college days" and Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are permitted **four** "college days" per school year. **In order for your attendance to be updated, you must provide the proper documentation from the college within five school days of your college visit.**

The acceptable documentation needed is explained on pages 31-32 of the Parent-Student Handbook.

Group College Counseling Sessions in 2025-26

- **SOPHOMORES & FRESHMAN:** Group College Counseling sessions will take place in Bible classes this fall. College counselors will be joining 9th and 10th grade Bible classrooms 2-3 times each semester 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.
 - **Freshman Group #1-** October 1 (Introduction to your Maia Learning Account)
 - **Sophomore Group #1-** September 24 (The College Journey in Sophomore Year)
- **JUNIORS:** There will be four, strategically-timed group lessons for juniors this year as you conduct your college research, narrow-down your best-fit list of colleges, and prepare for the application process in senior year. You will receive emails from the college counseling team as each group date approaches.
 - **Junior Group #1-** September 8 (College Exploration Continued)

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, visit the “Events” tab in [Maia Learning](#). 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:

August 25 - Wake Forest University

August 28- Grand Canyon University

September 16- Union College

September 18- Indiana University Bloomington

September 22- Syracuse University & Furman University

September 24- Virginia Tech

September 25- Drexel University & Bucknell University

September 29- Villanova University & Florida State University (*FSU hosted in Cafe One:22*)

October 6- Eckerd College & Jacksonville University

October 7- Samford University

October 14- United States Service Academy Information Session

October 28- Florida Southern College

Community Service Reminder– Submit Summer Hours by this Friday

It is a CCHS graduation requirement to have 100 hours of community service completed by the first day of senior year. **All service hours that were completed over the summer must be turned in by this Friday, August 15.** If you have questions about earning your 100 hours of community service for graduation and the Bright Futures scholarship, [CLICK HERE](#) to review information from Mrs. Doucette. She can assist you with any community service related questions, doucette.bonnie@cchs.us.

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.

- **Christian College Fair**- September 12, 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM at CCHS- over 30 christian colleges
- **NACAC College Fair**- September 21, 1 PM - 4 PM in Orlando
- **BAIS National College Fair**- October 5, 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)*
- **North Pinellas College Fair**- October 6, 6 PM - 7:30 PM at Countryside High School
- **Pasco West College Fair**- October 7, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM at Mitchell High School

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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