



CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

Dear CCHS Families:

Greetings from the College Counseling Team! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer; it's hard to believe the school year starts again in just over a week! We look forward to partnering with your family as your student seeks to live successfully according to God's plan. Our college counseling team is ready and excited to provide college counseling services as you prepare for the future.

We're writing to inform you of some important updates in the College Counseling department and of all the ways we're here to assist parents and students throughout each grade level-- [please review these thoroughly, so we can best partner together.](#)

Meet Your College Counselors!

We've had the pleasure of working with many of you last year, and we are excited to welcome the new families joining CCHS this year. Every student is assigned a primary college counselor who will walk with you through your time at Calvary and your college planning journey. Occasionally these assignments need to be shifted to accommodate school growth or staffing changes, but we document very thoroughly around here, so newly assigned counselors are always provided with past meeting notes and students' course planners if you met in a prior year. We're excited to welcome a new College Counselor, Mrs. Kristin Regans, for the 2026-27 school year! You can learn more about Mrs. Regans and all CCHS College Counselors [HERE](#).

Below you will see the counselor assignments and contact information. Please save our emails to your contact list, so we can be of assistance to you.

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- Underclassmen with last names **A-F**

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- Underclassmen with last names G-L

Mrs. Regans, *College Counselor*, regans.kristin@cchs.us

- Underclassmen with last names M-S
- Will serve seniors in 2027-28 and beyond

Ms. Troutman, *Director of College Counseling*, troutman.dana@cchs.us

- Seniors with last names Q-Z
- Underclassmen with last names T-Z

Please note that most of our emails this year will come from collegecounseling@cchs.us. This is not a monitored email inbox, so if you have follow-up questions, please direct them to your assigned college counselor.

STAFF CHANGES & OFFICE LOCATIONS:

Amy Smith, now Mrs. Amy Batdorf, has been promoted to Assistant Registrar, working with Connie Mullholand, Registrar. While we will certainly miss her in our department, we will still be working closely with both of them to best serve families. Their offices have moved from the second to the third floor of the high school building. The College Counseling Department is located on the second floor of the high school; look for the college pennants! Below you will find office locations of all the college counseling team members. Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Student Achievement Coordinator, will occupy what was formerly the College Counseling Suite. Students are welcome to stop by counselor offices with questions or may schedule an appointment via the counselor Calendly links.



COMMUNICATION:

The college counseling team will communicate with you via a **monthly** (no longer bi-weekly) newsletter email called the **CCHS College Connection**. This will be sent out at the beginning of each month, August through May. We strongly encourage students and families to review this so you are aware of the many opportunities to engage with your college counselors and learn about colleges.

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS: Can be scheduled via [Calendly.com](https://calendly.com) (scheduling links to be announced later) with your assigned counselor as follows:

- **Seniors:** Meetings begin August 18th and continue throughout the year. Seniors may schedule as many meetings as they need throughout the entire year.
- **Juniors:** Begin in early November
- **Sophomores:** Begin in early January
- **Freshmen:** Begin in early March
- **Quick-Meets:** All counselors have the option to schedule a 15-minute "Quick Meet" any time of the year for all grade levels.

Parents are always welcome but not required to attend the individual meetings. The student should always be present for these meetings. These are in-person meetings with the student but if a parent is unable to attend in person, we welcome you to join via phone, FaceTime (on your child's device) or via Google Meet. We will announce the opening of meetings in the CCHS College Connection e-newsletter.

GROUP COLLEGE COUNSELING SESSIONS:

SENIORS: There are three, strategically timed group lessons for you as you complete this college application and enrollment process. Two of these will be held during your history class time and a third is a virtual (recorded) college enrollment session in the spring. We are also here for you on an as-needed/individual basis all year long. No need to let this process bring you stress; we are here to support you!

JUNIORS: There will be four to five strategically timed group lessons for you 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. Three of these sessions will be held in-person in your history class, and one session will be held in-person in your English class for most junior-level English classes (except AP Lang/Lit). An additional virtual (recorded) college essay lesson will be sent to you to watch at your preferred time. Scheduling an individual meeting is also recommended for those wanting to discuss their college plans and questions.

SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN: There will be two to three strategically timed group lessons for you this year as you begin and continue your college search and planning journey. These will be held during your Bible classes. We will communicate dates and times of your upcoming sessions in the *CCHS College Connection* newsletter.

*** Parents will receive follow-up emails after each group session communicating information and resources that were covered in the students' group college counseling sessions. A link to a recording of each group lesson is also included in the follow-up email.*

MAIA LEARNING:

Maia Learning is Calvary's college planning software and is accessible via single sign-on with your students' Google/email credentials. The college counselors will be helping new students to access and familiarize themselves with Maia Learning via the following sessions:

- Transfer Students on August 10 during Warrior Welcome Day
- Freshmen during our first group session in Bible classes this fall

Maia offers helpful tools in college research, career research, strength/career assessments, resume-building and more. We'll use Maia in group sessions but students are encouraged to utilize it on their own time as well. You can review this quick video for a [Maia Learning Tutorial](#).

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE VISITS at CCHS:

Approximately 45 College representative sessions will be hosted in-person (and some virtually) this year at CCHS. Pre-registration is required for these sessions which are **open to students in grades 10th -12th.** These are hosted during the school days throughout the fall semester and occasionally in the spring. **For a list of colleges hosting a session and to register, go to the “Events” tab in Maia Learning.** Additional sessions will continue to be added throughout the fall as colleges schedule with us. Students are permitted an excused absence to attend these sessions but should never miss a test/quiz to attend and are responsible for making up any missed classwork. See the Parent-Student Handbook for full attendance policies. Students may report directly to the rep visit session location, and attendance will be recorded by College Counseling; however, it is courteous that students provide their teacher prior notice of why they will be out of class. Most of these sessions will be hosted in CH-wing classrooms this year.

COLLEGE COUNSELING EVENTS:

Our College Counseling annual signature events are below so you can save these important dates.

Senior Application Assistance Kickstarts (8 total): August 4 (2), August 6, August 7 (2), August 11 (2) and August 31.

Senior SSAR Workshop 1: September 5

Christian College Fair: September 11

Senior Parent Seminar Series #1: *The College Application (Virtual)*: September 22

SSAR Workshop 2: October 1

National College Fair (BAIS): October 4 (hosted off-site)

Southeastern University College Exposure Trip: October 16

Senior Parent Seminar Series #2: *Financial Aid 101*: October 22

USF College Exposure Trip: November 18 (Seniors only)

Sophomore/Freshman Parent *Conversations with the Counselors (Virtual)*: January 14

Junior Parent *Senior Year Gear Up*: January 28

College Exposure Trips: Dates TBD based upon university availability (Sophomores and Juniors only)

Course Advising Period for 2027-28: March 31- April 16

Senior Celebration: Date TBD

The *College Counseling Connection* will advertise further information and directions on how to register for these events as the dates draw near.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

The team has built out some amazing college counseling resources for you on the [CCHS website](#) in addition to your Maia Learning account. Please take some time to explore all that is available to you.

We look forward to serving you and partnering with you on your journey to discover God's path for your life, college decision, and career choice! God has uniquely designed each of you with a plan and a purpose for His kingdom!!

Sincerely,

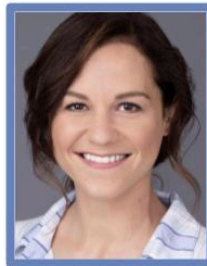
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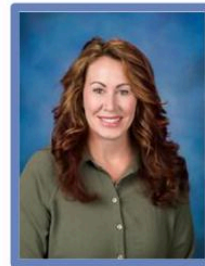
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