



CCHS COLLEGE CONNECTION

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Underclassmen Edition | January 7, 2026

CCHS Freshman and Sophomore Parent Event: VIRTUAL Conversations with the Counselors

Parents of freshmen and sophomores are invited to join the CCHS College Counselors virtually for the upcoming **Conversation with Counselors event next Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 PM**. The purpose of this event is to ease you into the college exploration and search process and to give you items that you and your student focus on during their underclassmen years to be set up for a smooth and intentional college application process later. Topics will include:

- College Planning/Search Timeline for underclassmen
- An overview of the CCHS College Counseling Curriculum
- Academics and Graduation Requirements
- Standardized Testing Overview
- Community Service & College Resume

You will receive an email with the Microsoft Teams Link that will give you access to the session. Plan to join us virtually at 6:30 next Thursday!

CCHS Junior Parent Event: "Senior Year Gear Up"

Parents of juniors are invited to join the CCHS College Counselors for the upcoming **Senior Parent Gear Up event on Thursday, 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](#).

Spring CCHS College Counseling Events

Freshmen

January 15- Conversations with the Counselors Event for Parents of 9th and 10th grade students

February 18- Freshmen College Counseling Group #2- Strengths Finder Assessment

March - May - Freshmen Optional Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling

March 24- Course Advising with College Counselors in Bible classes

April 2- Individual Course Advising opportunities in Bible class with the Academics Department



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April 8 & 10- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B (*Course Selections Due @ 3pm on April 10*)

Sophomores

January 15- Conversations with the Counselors Event for Parents of 9th and 10th grade students

January 21- Sophomore College Counseling Group #2- Career Interest Profiler

Jan - May- Sophomore Optional Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling

March 25- Course Advising with College Counselors in Bible class

March 31- Individual Course Advising opportunities in Bible class with the Academics Department

April 8 & 10- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B (*Course Selections Due @ 3pm on April 10*)

Juniors

Nov - May- Individual Meetings with College Counselor open for scheduling *** Highly encouraged for all juniors.*

February 5- Parent Event: "Gear up for Senior Year" (6:30 PM in the Williamson Room)- [Register Here](#)

February/March - Junior College Counseling Group Session #3- The College Essay

April 8 & 10- Course Advising "Drop In" Help during Lunch A & B (*Course Selections Due @ 3pm on April 10*)

April 29- Junior College Counseling Group #4- College Application Preparation

*** All junior course advising is done individually in the one-on-one college counseling meeting. Please schedule an individual meeting with your primary counselor for course advising.*

Junior & Sophomore Individual Counseling Meetings

Start off 2026 with a focus on the future! Juniors & Sophomores are able to schedule an individual college planning meeting with your primary college counselor. Create a plan for SAT/ACT/CLT 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 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



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Are you on track with College Planning?

Utilize the CCHS College Planning Timelines to help you stay on track for all of your college planning:

[Freshman Year Timeline](#)

[Sophomore Year Timeline](#)

[Junior Year Timeline](#)

Registering for ACT SAT & CLT

All juniors should begin testing **no later** than this spring semester and retesting timelines should aim to achieve your goal score by fall of senior year. It is a CCHS graduation requirement to have at least one ACT, SAT, or CLT 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/SAT/CLT Test Dates](#)

[ACT/SAT Tutoring/Test Prep](#)

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 Air Force Academy Summer Seminar](#): Summer Seminar allows participants to live like a US Air Force Academy cadet for four days. Applications open now through January 15, 2026.
- [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.



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Informational Resources:

PSAT- [CLICK HERE](#)

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

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

Community Service- [CLICK HERE](#)

Maia Learning Log-In- [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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