JUNIOR-SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
“Junior Year and Beyond”
MEET THE SANDY CREEK HS COUNSELORS & STAFF

Stacey Smith – Registrar

Counselors
Lynnia Davis – A - E
Jessica Bryan – Fa - K
Rebecca Hill – L - Rn
Kelly Floyd – Ro-Z

Thalia Alegria – Records Secretary
Renae Chontos – Infinite Campus Secretary
WHAT TO EXPECT THIS YEAR

▸ Might be toughest academic year for Juniors
▸ Make highest possible grades
▸ Good attendance correlates with academic success
▸ Develop good study habits
▸ Develop good time management skills
▸ Extra-Curricular activities
▸ Community service
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Entering their junior year, students should have 14 units. If your child has less than 10 credits, he or she may have to make up units outside of the regular school day in order to graduate on time. (i.e. summer school)

*Please call and make an appointment to speak with your child’s counselor about his/her options.*
SCHS TESTING

- GA Milestones End of Course of Tests:
  - American Literature & US History
  - This will count 20% of final grade

- ASVAB – October 12 @ SCHS

- PSAT – October 12
  - (National Merit Scholarship – 11th Grade score)

- Senior Activities - October 12
SAT VS. ACT

SAT
- Evidence-based reading and writing
- Reading, Writing and Language test
- Math test
- 1600 Score
- No penalty for guessing - Answer all questions!
- www.sat.org
- Important to include SS#

ACT
- 4 multiple choice tests
- Composite score/36
- No penalty for guessing - Answer all questions!
- Aligns w/ HS curriculum
- Writing Test Optional
- www.act.org

SCHOOL CODE:  SCHS  113052

Both have testing securities:
Upload photo to online ticket!
NO TICKET, NO ID, NO ADMISSION!
The HOPE GPA includes only Core Credits (all attempts) and is calculated by the Georgia Student Finance Commission. The HOPE GPA is not on the transcript.

**HOPE Scholarship**
- GPA: 3.0 (Academic GPA)
- 4 Rigor Courses

**Zell Miller Program**
- GPA: 3.7 (Academic GPA)
- 1200 SAT or 26 ACT (1 sitting)
- 4 Rigor Courses
As a junior and senior you receive 2 official college visitation days per year. In order for the 2 visits to count as an excused field trip you must do the following:

1. Make an appointment with the College Admission Office
2. Obtain a “College Visitation Form” from Attendance
3. Have the form signed by your teachers, parents, and a college official
4. Return the signed form to the attendance office by the next school day

**College Representatives @SCHS** – Listen to the announcements for the dates and times. Sign up for visit on the student Naviance account. 
**Come to the counseling office for a pass to attend the session.**
SENIOR MEETINGS

Each student will meet with his/her counselor to discuss:

- Student transcript
- Future plans
- College application process
- Standardized testing
- Scholarship information (websites)
- Brag Sheet
- Gafutures.org (HOPE GPA)

What your student will receive:

- Senior Survival Guide
- Unofficial transcript
- Scholarship websites
ADMISSION PLANS AND DEADLINES

**Deadlines are IMPORTANT!!!**
Students are advised to complete and submit applications/other documentation at least 3 weeks prior to deadline date

**Types of Admission:**
- Regular Admission
- Rolling Admission
- Early Decision (Binding)
- Early Action (Non-Binding)

**Each college you apply to may have a different admission plan!**
HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

1. Choose 3-5 schools and visit their websites
2. Check admission requirements
3. Apply online
4. Send Official Transcripts
5. Send SAT/ACT scores directly from testing site
6. Have someone proofread the application before submitting
7. Request recommendations, if the school requires them
8. Print/save a copy for your records
REQUESTING A TRANSCRIPT

Transcripts can be requested online at www.gafutures.org or through Naviance at NO COST.

For mailed transcript requests:

▸ Complete a “Request for Transcript” through myschoolbucks.com
▸ Allow 2 days for the requests
▸ Picking up and mailing of the transcript is the student’s responsibility.

Transcripts with 1st semester grades will be available after January 26, 2023.

Opening the envelope invalidates the transcript!
www.GAfutures.org

Helps students plan, apply and pay for college

▷ Career inventory, SAT and ACT prep, financial aid and scholarships
▷ Check your HOPE eligibility
▷ Apply to college (Georgia schools)
▷ Send transcripts to Georgia schools for free
GAFUTURES EXAMPLE
FAFSA WEBSITE

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school

View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

FAFSA® Announcements
BRAG SHEET

▷ Can be found in the “School Counseling” course in Schoology
▷ Make a copy in Google Drive with “[Your Name] - Brag Sheet” as the title.
▷ Fill out and share with teachers and counselor.

This information is used to write your recommendations for the following:
  * College Admission*
  * Scholarships*
  * Other Awards*

BE DETAILED
BE ACCURATE
BRAG ABOUT YOURSELF

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

▷ Prepare a comprehensive “Brag Sheet” and share with teachers and counselor
▷ Allow 3 weeks for completion of recommendation
  ▷ Most colleges DO NOT require a counselor recommendation
▷ Please ask your teacher in-person!

Need a Recommendation Letter before semester break? (Remember those January college deadlines!)

December 1, 2022 is the DEADLINE to request a recommendation from your counselor!
BRIDGE BILL

In 2010, Georgia’s General Assembly passed the BRIDGE law to promote career awareness and the development of individualized plans of studies for all Georgia middle and high school students.

Each year students must complete a grade specific activity and update their plan of study. The Naviance activities include:

- Junior year – Choose 3 Post Secondary Options
- Senior year – Senior Survey
Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life.

- College and Career Preparation
- Career Exploration
- Academic Planning
- Self Discovery
- Supplemental forms for the college application process – (transcripts, letters or recommendations, school profile)

Students sign in through Classlink!
Welcome Card: A custom message from SCHS.

Important To-Dos and Tasks: Drawing from your planner, get a snippet of overdue and upcoming to-do items and tasks.

Resources to Get Ready: Everyday access to Document Resources - documents shared SCHS with all students.

My Favorites: Quick access to your college and scholarship applications.

What's New: View upcoming college visits, new journal entries shared by a counselor or teacher, and any new comments on course plans, tasks, and goals made by someone other than you.

From my school: From this section, find a list of links, pages, and updates provided by your school. Use View all from my school to see a full list.
AMERICAN LEGION: GEORGIA GIRLS’/BOYS’ STATE

WHAT: One week “learn by doing” government seminar
WHO: Boys’/Girls’ after junior year; 3.0 GPA preferred
WHEN: Usually 2nd week of June
WHERE: Girls-Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
        Boys-Gordon State College, Barnesville, GA
WHY: Great experience, resume builder, fun!!
HOW: Contact Jessica Bryan early spring semester
POC: John Christ, American Legion Post 105 770.842.4566

PS: It’s FREE!
(Sponsored by The American Legion ~ Donations welcome!)
ELIGIBILITY CENTER - NCAA/NAIA

To participate in college athletics and receive athletically-based financial aid, you must do the following:

▷ Register online Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse and meet eligibility standards
  ▷ (SS# and fee required)-www.eligibilitycenter.org or play.mynaia.org
▷ Submit transcript release form to Ms. Floyd
IMPORTANT DATES

➤ SAT test dates: www.sat.org
➤ ACT test dates: www.myact.org
➤ PROBE Fair: WHS Commons
  ➤ October 25th @ 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
➤ ASVAB: October 12 (all 11th graders)
➤ Patriot Time: Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm
Probe College Tour
@ Whitewater High School
October 25\textsuperscript{th}
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Meet with college and university representatives from around the world.

RegisterProbe.com
THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to come tonight!

This presentation will be posted on the school website.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Go Patriots!

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