



WHS Counseling Department Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **Seniors:** Your School Counselor will meet individually with you between August-October to discuss the path to graduation, post-secondary plans, and how to use Naviance to send required application materials to colleges/universities. If a recommendation letter is needed for a college application and/or scholarship, students are required to complete the Brag Sheet located on Schoology and share it with his/her counselor. As a courtesy, students should ask teachers and counselors for recommendation letters at least 3 weeks prior to the application deadline.
- **All students:** The partnership between you, your parents, and your school counselor is an important one in your success as a high school student and achieving your future goals. Your active participation in your education is necessary; start meeting with your counselor in 9th grade. If you are hoping to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, you are required to graduate from high school with an academic GPA of 3.0 or higher and complete a minimum of 4 rigor courses. Rigor courses include level 2 and higher of foreign language, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Chemistry/Physics/Microbiology/Human Anatomy, academic/core dual enrollment courses, Algebra II/College and Career Readiness Math/Statistical Reasoning/Pre-Calculus.
- **9th grade** social/emotional lesson: Signs of Suicide lesson will take place during the week of August 30th in Personal Fitness and Health classes. This is a video and discussion based lesson that focuses on how peers can recognize suicide warning signs and why it is important to inform an adult about concerns. Your child will receive an opt out form from his/her health/personal fitness teacher. The opt out form only needs to be signed/returned if you do not want your child participating in this lesson.
- **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes:** Fayette County Schools is offering a fall session of STEP virtually on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm, free of charge. Please contact your child's school counselor for the registration form. Registration is required.
- **Seniors,** College Application Time (CAT) will be held after school in the Counseling Suite from 3:45-4:30 on Wednesdays September 15-November 17th. This is the perfect opportunity to get one on one help with college applications.
- **Peachstate College Tour** (University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Augusta University, and Georgia State University) register [here](#) There are virtual and in-person sessions this year. Advanced registration is required!

Click [here](#) for a college visit checklist that may be helpful when comparing different colleges!

CALENDAR & HELPFUL LINKS

CALENDAR:

- August 18, 2021: Underclassmen pictures @ WHS
- September 2, 2021: 11th/12th grade parent night with counselors @ WHS Auditorium @6:30pm
- September 6, 2021: Labor Day holiday - no school
- September 7, 2021: Student holiday - no school. Faculty/staff - professional development
- September 9, 2021: 9th/10th grade parent night with counselors @ WHS Auditorium @ 6:30pm

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

- ACT/SAT test dates and registration: www.act.org & www.sat.org
- 17 programs of study for which FREE tuition is available: <https://tcsg.edu/free-tuition/>
- Kaplan's free SAT and ACT study guide:
https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/free/sat-act-study-guide?utm_source=pc-advisor&utm_medium=offline&utm_term=003C000002HoBpjIAF&utm_content=email&utm_campaign=sat-act-study-guide#share

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