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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

NEW HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN: Beginning April 13th, all FCBOE High Schools will be using the attached learning plan.

[High School Virtual Learning Plan](#)

COVID-19 UPDATES: Please check the [LINK](#) for updates on our community's response to the COVID-19 spread.

INTERNET ACCESS OPTIONS: Please use the following link for Internet access options available at this time.
[Access Update document](#)

MEALS DURING CLOSURE: For some students, school is the only place where they receive a regular breakfast and lunch during the school week. The Fayette County Public School System took measures to ensure that no child age 18 and under (and students with disabilities age 21 and under) goes hungry during the closure. Any family in the county with children who meet the age requirement can visit this [LINK](#) for information on student meals during the closure.

CENSUS: Please review the following document for important Census information.

[Census 2020](#)

CHROMEBOOK REPAIRS: In order to provide our students and staff with the tools they need to access their learning resources, the Technology Services Department will provide a Chromebook drop off and spare replacement program during our school closures.

Parents can drop off student Chromebooks at the Technology Services (VoTech) building parking lot from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The drop off will be available until April 24th. We will not be available on April 8-10. Please check often for updates.

If a chromebook is in need of repair, a replacement Chromebook will be issued.

[Chromebook Support Plan flyer](#)

Thank you for your flexibility as we navigate through these uncharted times.

STUDENT PRIVACY NOTIFICATION: While students are engaged in home learning opportunities, teachers and other FCBOE staff are providing opportunities for virtual class meetings through Zoom, Blackboard Collaborate, or Google Meet. Staff may record these class meetings so that they can be posted for students who cannot participate in real time. Most platforms identify participants on the screen in two ways: through names with which they log on to the platform and through video feed. The video feed can be disabled, and the microphones can be muted. Parents should be aware that anyone participating in these virtual meeting opportunities - and others around them who may have access to the devices being used - may see and hear their children.

Parents are encouraged to help maintain student privacy by not allowing anyone who is not a student in the class to view a virtual class. Parents who do not want their children to be seen or recorded in these virtual class meetings can choose for their children not to participate. When links to record virtual class meetings are posted within Blackboard or Google Classroom (with access allowed only for students in those classes), students can view the recordings. These recordings will not be maintained by the district beyond the period of instruction.

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE:

COUNSELING UPDATES: Please use this [LINK](#) for information from our Counseling Department.

MODIFIED - CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY DUAL ENROLLMENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Due to suspension of the SAT, ACT, and Accuplacer exams. Below are the Dual Enrollment admission requirements for students entering Clayton State University for Summer 2020 and Fall 2020:

- Provide a high school transcript showing they are on-track for completing all high school graduation requirements and the USG's Required High School Curriculum (RHSC),
- Have at least a 3.0 High School Grade Point Average calculated on the RHSC courses completed.
- Successfully completed two units of RHSC English and two units of RHSC math. Please know that students seeking to enroll in a DE math course will also need to have successfully completed Algebra II. Students who are currently enrolled in their second English or math unit are encouraged to submit a current transcript for an admission decision to be made. We will require a final transcript when the academic year is over to demonstrate the English and math units have been successfully completed. Students may also submit satisfactory SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer exam scores to be used in place of the two units of English and two units of math.

MODIFIED - UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA DUAL ENROLLMENT TESTING/ADMISSION: UWG is now able to accept students who have a 3.0 academic GPA without having ACT, SAT, or Accuplacer scores. We just need an application (www.westga.edu/applynow) and an official High School transcript.

Due to the decision made by the College Board and ACT to temporarily suspend testing, as well as the recent news that the Accuplacer-Examity remote test proctoring service will be offline for a period of time, institutions are authorized to evaluate their **Summer and Fall 2020 Dual Enrollment applicants** without SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer scores. Dual Enrollment applicants without test scores must:

Provide a transcript showing they are on-track for completing all high school graduation requirements and the USG's Required High School Curriculum (RHSC);

- Have at least a 3.0 High School Grade Point Average calculated on the RHSC courses completed; and,
- English: Two units of RHSC English must be successfully completed prior to the start of the Dual Enrollment term; and,
- Math: High school Algebra II or the equivalent must be successfully completed prior to the start of the Dual Enrollment term.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCEDURES

SENIORS: If you are applying to a college, then make the request through your Naviance account. Email your counselor to let her know she needs to go in and release it.

DUAL ENROLLMENT: If you are still needing to send your transcript to a dual enrollment college for admissions, then go to www.gafutures.org, log in to your account, then go to MYGAFUTURES tab, then go to the My High School Transcript. Follow the steps at the bottom of the page to send it electronically to the college.

SCHOLARSHIPS/SUMMER PROGRAMS/GOOD STUDENT DISCOUNTS: If you need a transcript official or unofficial, email your counselor for assistance.

AP UPDATES FOR SCHOOLS IMPACTED BY CORONAVIRUS: Please see this [link](#) for information from the College Board. Because students overwhelmingly told us they want to take their AP Exams, we're providing [online learning and AP Exams](#) available at home for all students this spring. We're so grateful to the community of extraordinary teachers who stepped up to teach [live classes on YouTube](#), as well as all the AP educators helping students continue with their study.

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS UPDATE: Applicants for the summer and fall 2020 terms will not be required to submit ACT or SAT scores. Prospective first-year students interested in coming to Kennesaw State University for summer and fall 2020 will be required to meet all other minimum requirements for admission, including completion of the Required High School Curriculum and submission of all other requested documentation. Our minimum academic GPA requirement (calculated from CPC courses) remains at a 2.5.

VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY: Valdosta State University is waiving all undergraduate Summer and Fall 2020 applications. Seniors who still need to turn in high school transcripts, can send the transcript directly to the VSU admissions e-mail account (admissions@valdosta.edu).

ROB BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM: Guided Pathway Support (GPS) Program is an initiative of the [Ron Brown Scholar Program](#), GPS, engages students and parents through an online college access community that offers unlimited application advising services and mentorship from Ron Brown Scholars and Captains. We also partner with The College Board and 17 universities enabling us to offer students SAT and college application fee waivers. The Guided Pathway Support Program website and online application can be found by going to: <http://rbsgps.com/>.

APPLEROUTH: Applerouth is offering some great FREE online resources and events for students and parents. Use this [link](#) to view their calendar of webinars that are available. You can also use this link to join Admissions Officers from George Washington University and Georgia Tech to discuss the Impact of COVID-19 on College Admission and Testing,

SCHOLARSHIPS: We currently have many scholarship opportunities available, see [link](#) for complete list.

FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT:

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: Join a student trip to [Yellowstone National Park](#) with Mrs. Sisk to improve your resume by adding ecological field research to your list of experiences! September 4-8, 2020 will be an outdoor adventure your child is sure to remember! Go to our [website](#) for more details & enrollment options OR contact Mrs. Sisk with any questions! sisk.stephanie@mail.fcboe.org

FROM THE ACADEMIC RECOGNITION CLUB:

GRADUATION YARD SIGN/NEIGHBORHOOD BANNERS: Place your order now for your Graduation yard signs and banners. Order forms are available in this Chief's Connection. Click here for the [Neighborhood Banner](#) and here for [Graduation Yard Sign](#) forms. Checks made payable to MHS Academic Recognition Club, may be turned in to the MHS office or mailed to the school c/o The Academic Recognition Club. The deadline to order is March 26th. Pick up will be April 22nd and 23rd in the MHS Front Lobby between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Per the Peachtree City Code, banners may be displayed in your neighborhood from May 1st to June 12th only. For questions, please contact Anne Weldon or Nancy Arinder at arinder@comcast.net.