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**April 16 - April 22, 2020**

### **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION:**

**CERTIFICATES OF ENROLLMENT/ADAP CERTIFICATES:** The Department of Drivers Services is currently closed and will most likely remain closed throughout the Shelter in Place order. Once the DDS re-opens in May, we will communicate the process for requesting COE/ADAP. Thank you for your patience.

**HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING GRADING GUIDELINES:** Please refer to the Virtual Learning Grading Guidelines below.

[High School Virtual Learning Plan](#)

[Virtual Learning Grading Guidelines.](#)

**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](http://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](http://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.

**GRADUATING SENIORS WHO HAVE ENLISTED IN THE ARMY:** The Army is offering enlisted students the opportunity to enter the Army earlier if they so choose. In any case, having proof of graduation via a transcript or diploma will be necessary in order to be accepted by the Army. Please see [link](#) for official letter from Department of the Army.

**PEACH STATE TOUR:** Georgia State University is proud to work with the Georgia Institute of Technology and the University of Georgia to present a new Peach State Tour Event! You are invited to join us for a moderated conversation about elements of the admission application review process on **Thursday, April 23rd from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.** We're doing things a little differently this year and meeting online. Visit [peachstatetour.org](http://peachstatetour.org) to learn more about this event.

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS IN A COVID-19 WORLD:** Tuesday, April 21st at 8:00 p.m. Presented by: Dennis Yim, Director, Live Online Courses, Kaplan Test Prep Carol Barash, CEO & Founder, Story2

Joe Latimer, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Outreach, University of Rochester. Follow this [link](#) to register.

**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.

**RENSELAER MEDAL:** For more than 100 years, Rensselaer, in conjunction with high schools around the world, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to promising secondary school students who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. See [link](#) for details.

**EAST POINT/COLLEGE PARK ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.:** The East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is pleased to announce the release of the 2020 May Week Oratorical Competition for graduating high school seniors. There is a modified competition this year. Participants will submit a video presentation of their speech. The deadline to receive registration materials and the video is May 1st. Please contact Rhonda Holliday [scholarships@epcpdst.org](mailto:scholarships@epcpdst.org) if interested.

**STREET ANGELS SCHOLARS:** Street Angels Scholars, is offering six awards in the amounts of \$1000(2), \$750(2) and \$500(2). Street Angels Motorcycle Club, is a non-profit group of women dedicated in its efforts to provide for the community an organization which promotes the safety of motorcycling, camaraderie and the patronage of the riding community. We strive to make great contributions to our riding community and to assist those in need. To view criteria and apply on-line go to [www.streetangelsscholars.org](http://www.streetangelsscholars.org).

#### **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](mailto:sisk.stephanie@mail.fcboe.org)

#### **FROM THE ACADEMIC RECOGNITION CLUB:**

**GRADUATION YARD SIGN/NEIGHBORHOOD BANNERS:** Thank you to everyone who placed an order. The printer is working hard and will have the orders ready on April 30th. Please check next week's Chiefs Connection for the details of the pick-up distribution. 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](mailto:arinder@comcast.net).