

GRADUATION

101



COMMON CONCERNS

How do I find and apply for college scholarships?

Am I employable?
How do I start the job search?

I don't have a plan yet? Is it too late?

How many college applications should I submit?

Is it too late to join the military?

Can I afford college?

What happens if I do not get into my college of choice?

Will I get into ANY college?



Session goals

- **TO REINTRODUCE THE COUNSELING TEAM**
- **TO ANSWER SENIOR-RELATED QUESTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS SENIOR-RELATED FEARS & CONCERNS**
- **TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE INFORMATION & RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ASSIST YOUR STUDENT(S) THROUGH CAREER AND MILITARY EXPLORATION, AND THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS**
- **TO PROVIDE TIPS FROM COLLEGE RECRUITERS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW**



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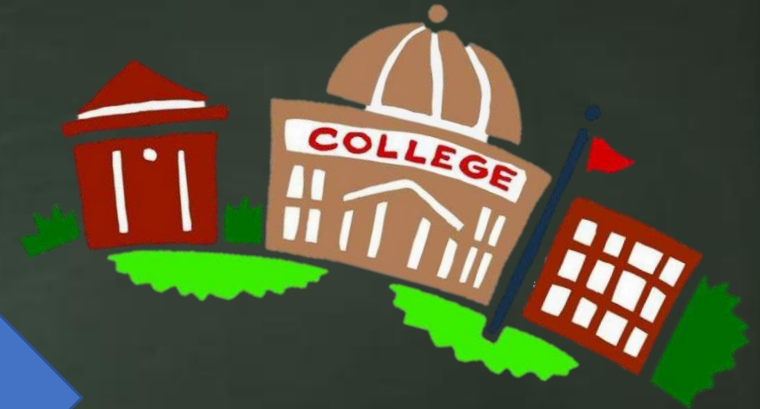
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Post-secondary options



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Post-secondary planning



- **9th GRADE GUIDANCE:** Review of **Graduation Requirements & the 4-Year Plan**



- **10th GRADE GUIDANCE:** **Career Exploration** through **YOUSCIENCE** (interest & aptitude test)



- **11th GRADE GUIDANCE:** **College Exploration** through **NAVIANCE** with **counselor one-on-one follow-up**



- **12th GRADE GUIDANCE:** Review of **Graduation Requirements & Post-Secondary Engagement**



COLLEGE MATRICULATION

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE

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College Basics

Figure out what matters to you and sift through your college options—it's all spelled out here.

Types of Colleges →
Colleges offer various programs to serve students with different needs and goals. Learning about the types of colleges will help you find the best choices for you.

College Classes →
College courses take place in different settings and come in various sizes, and chances are you'll experience many of them. Learn about the types of courses you may take.

Campus Life →
Preview campus life with a look at the changes you'll experience.

How to Convert Your GPA to a 4.0 Scale →
Colleges report GPA (grade point average) on a 4.0 scale. See how to calculate your GPA and convert your grades to the 4.0 scale.

Why College Is Important →
Considering the pros and cons of going to college? Learn reasons why college is worth it for career growth and future financial opportunities.

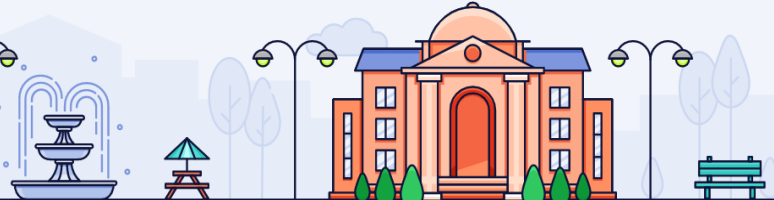
College Search

Search by college name

Find the right college for you.

Choose a category to start exploring.

Location **Majors** **Type** **Campus Life**



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Find Your Dream College

Don't fall for the myth of the perfect college. Learn why taking a close look at yourself is key to college planning.

Choose a College →
There are a lot of things to think about when you're looking at colleges. Deciding what's most important to you makes finding the right fit easier.

Campus Visits →
A visit to a college campus can help you decide if that college is right for you. Make a plan ahead of time to get the most from your visit.

College Fair Checklist →
College fairs are great opportunities to meet college reps and get important information. Find out what you can do to make the most of these events.

BigFuture Days →
College Board hosted virtual events for high school students to connect directly with college admissions representatives and take action on the most important steps for college.

Choosing the Right College Major for You →
Deciding on your college major is an important step toward landing your dream job after graduation. Learn how to choose the right major for your life goals!

National and Regional Accreditations for Colleges →
Did you know U.S. college accreditation can change by region? Learn about the range of academic offerings in the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and West.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE



2ND PERIOD



3RD PERIOD



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OCTOBER 2, 2023



COLLEGE quick tips

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COLLEGE



“Pay attention to the college and not your friends. Consider your options, not your friends’ options.”



“Be sure the student is paying attention to the campus opportunities: opportunities to lead, grow & develop. Help them also plan a PLAN B.”



“Visit the college.”



“Help plan college visits. Make sure they are happy with their choice. Happiness effects grades & performance.”



“Help your student self-assess ahead of time so that the student knows what they want from a college/university.”



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THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

Secure & complete the application

Script and upload all required essays, if any

Secure & request Letters of Recommendation (LORs)

Request the release of required test scores to college

Request an official transcript

Complete the FAFSA application

Continually check the college application status



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COMPLETING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION



- Determine the application submission method: Direct Institutional Application (college-specific application) or Third-Party Application (Common Application, Coalition Application, GAFutures, etc.)
- Create all necessary accounts: Application platforms will require that you create an account for document upload and application tracking purposes (application status checks). Remember the password that allows for account access.
- Submit the student portion of the application once complete. All parts of the application are not expected to reach the college at the same time.



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COMPLETING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION

Early Decision

- **Binding** (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges; must attend if accepted). You may only apply to one institution via EARLY DECISION.

Early Action

- You apply to the college earlier than the traditional deadline, often submitting less information. If DEFERRED, students may apply through REGULAR DECISION and supply more (or updated) information to attain admittance. Non-binding

Regular Decision

- Non-binding application with a traditional deadline of January or February.

Rolling Admissions

- Colleges review applications as they are submitted. Admission decisions are made throughout the admissions cycle. Non-binding

Open Admissions

- The admission process is the least competitive and the most inclusive. Non-binding.


**KEEP
CALM
AND
WRITE
THE ESSAY**

THE ESSAY
TITLE

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

COMPLETING THE COLLEGE ESSAY

Tips

Select the best essay prompt for you

Answer the question/Stay on topic

Accentuate your strengths

Research the college before writing the essay

Invest in a strong intro

Mistakes

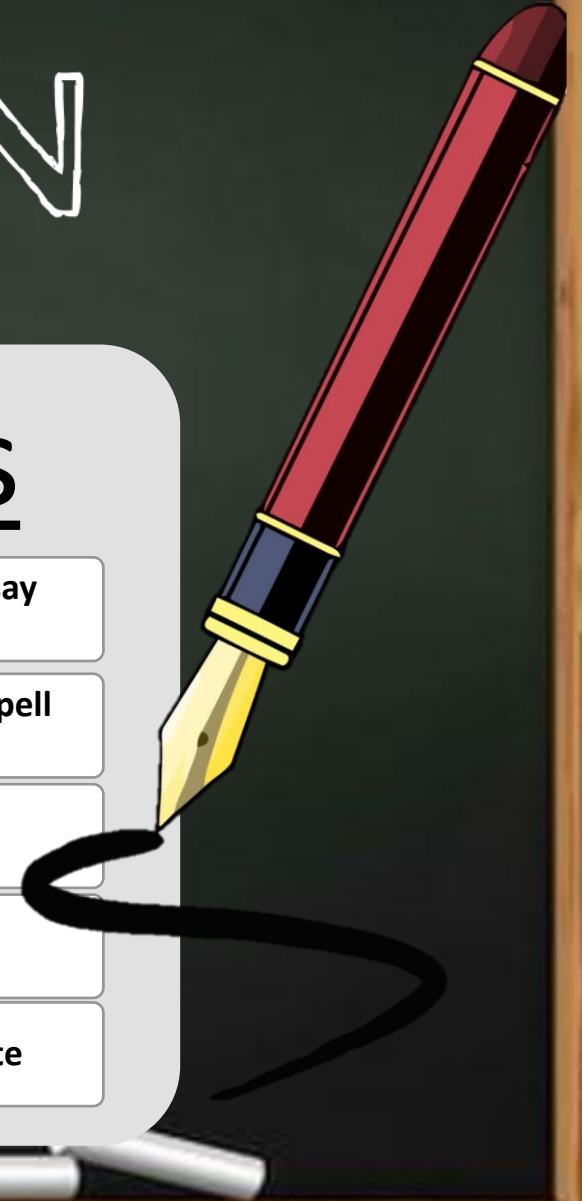
Don't Exceed the Requested Essay Length

Don't Rely on Your Computer's Spell Check

Don't Rehash the Resume

Don't use anyone else's voice

Don't Wait until the Last Minute



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REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

STEP ONE:

ENTER THE APPLICATION PLATFORM (THIRD-PARTY or DIRECT INSTITUTION)

STEP TWO:

THE APPLICATION PLATFORM WILL DETAIL YOUR TRANSCRIPT SUBMISSION PROCESS (SENDEDU, COUNSELOR REPORT, ETC.)

STEP THREE:

PLATFORMS THAT DO NOT HAVE A TRANSCRIPT SUBMISSION PREFERENCE WILL REQUIRE **SCRIBORDER**



COLLEGE MATRICULATION REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS THROUGH SCRIBORDER

Enter COLLEGE as the reason for request

RECORDS REQUESTS

Select To Get Started:

 **CLICK HERE if you are a CURRENT STUDENT NOT using Naviance and would like to order your student record or transcript**

 **CLICK HERE if you are a FORMER STUDENT and would like to order your student record or transcript**

 **CLICK HERE if you are a POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CORPORATION or GOVERNMENT AGENCY requesting a graduation verification or student record**

 **CLICK HERE for a Dream Act request**

General Information

Fulton County Public Schools is now offering a secure website to facilitate student records requests and employment verifications online.

A student's educational records are confidential and may only be disclosed as allowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) or with the written permission of the student's parent or legal guardian, or of the student (if over 18 years old). Student records are kept in accordance with the Georgia Records Act.

Per District policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) student records are only available to those who have authorization from the student or parent, guardian or responsible person if the student is less than 18 years of age. If the student is 18 years of age or older, school records will not be released to a parent, guardian, or responsible person without the student's written consent.

All requests for student records/information will be submitted and paid for online. **Phone and fax requests will no longer be accepted.**

PROCESSING TIME AFTER RECEIPT OF RECORD REQUEST

GRADUATES/WITHDRAWALS - 1920-2018 (WITHIN 3 BUSINESS DAYS) (Choose Former Student)
GRADUATES/WITHDRAWALS - 2019-CURRENT (WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS) (Choose Current Student)

SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS (UP TO 7 BUSINESS DAYS)

THIRD PARTY REQUESTERS: PLEASE USE THE POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CORPORATION OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY OPTION

Please note the information below:

- Fulton County Public Schools is now offering a new secure website to facilitate student records requests and employment verifications online.
- Requests for information will be processed on normal business and hours, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- The office will be closed for the following occasions each year. All requests submitted during this time will be processed in the order received when the office reopens.
 - Labor Day - September 4, 2023
 - Columbus Day - October 9, 2023
 - Thanksgiving Holidays - November 20-24, 2023
 - Winter Break - December 18, 2023-January 1, 2024
 - Martin Luther King Holiday - January 15, 2024
 - Presidents Day - February 19, 2024

DIGITAL Transcripts & Records

Current Student Records Request

Step 1, Please Enter All Information

This is an official request for an aspect of the student record. The information contained in this request should be considered private. Please complete all information in full and then finalize by clicking "UPDATE ORDER". There is NO charge for records requests from former students. Please complete the information below as it pertains to the student. We do require an address be filled in but all requests will be sent back electronically via emailed instructions for secure download.

Student's Current Name:

* Last Name: Doe * First Name: John
Middle Name: Maiden Name: Suffix:
* Last 4 SSN: **** * Last 4 SSN (confirm): ****
Student ID: Save in Password

Information Related To Student's Birth:

* Date of Birth: mm/dd/yyyy * Current Age: required
Birth City: Birth State: Birth Country: United States

Your Current Fulton School of Attendance:

* Name of School: Select... * Grade: Select...

Current Residence Address: (this may be different than the mailing address)

* Address Line 1: required
Address Line 2: * City: required
* State: required

Records Request

Step 2, Please Provide Documentation

Release Information Required

Student Requests - Please upload a valid, unexpired photo ID.
Corporate Requests - Please upload a signed student release document.
DACA requests - Please upload a valid, unexpired photo ID or any alternative sources of identification.

Please attach your release documents here: [+ Add Item](#)

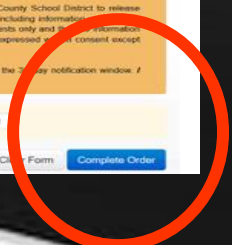
AUTHORIZATION NOTIFICATION:
My initials below constitute an electronic signature and authorizes the Records Department of the Fulton County School District to release information and / or my student record and confirms I have completed all sections accurately and truthfully, including information I understand that the recipient of the record(s) will use the indicated document(s) for legitimate interests only and that information contained therein shall not be further transferred or communicated to any other part or agency without my expressed written consent except under authority of Public Law 93-502, Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

I understand that an incomplete form will not be processed and will be considered closed after expiration of the 30-day notification window. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

* Your Initials: required

Form [Complete Order](#)

<https://fultonga.scribborder.com>



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REQUESTING LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (LORs)

STEP ONE:

ENTER THE APPLICATION PLATFORM (DIRECT INSTITUTION or THIRD-PARTY). WHERE REQUESTED, ENTER THE E-MAIL ADDRESS OF YOUR PREFERRED RECOMMENDER(s)

STEP TWO:

TRACK YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS TO ENSURE THAT COLLEGES HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER(s) OF RECOMMENDATION



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STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and
ACT (www.actstudent.org)

- Create your account
- Register for the test (select a date and location, upload a picture, and make the payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges (before and/or after exam)

ACCUPLACER Test

- Placement test accepted at most 2-year colleges
- Colleges proctor this exam on their campuses



SAT School Day for Seniors!

October 26th ✦ Cost: FREE!

Location: TBA & Time: 8:30am

To sign up
please fill out
the QR Code
by Wednesday,
September
20th!

SAT Sign Up - Class of 2024



If you have questions, please contact
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OPPORTUNITY



COLLEGE MATRICULATION

STANDARDIZED TESTS: PREP & OPPORTUNITY

SAT + ACT Practice Tests at Centennial High School

SAT Practice Test

September 16
9:00am - 12:45pm
\$5 Event Code:
PSS84260

ACT Practice Test

October 21
9:00am - 12:30pm
\$5 Event Code:
PAS84261

SAT Practice Test

November 11
9:00am - 12:45pm
\$5 Event Code:
PSS84262

SAT Practice Test

January 20
9:00am - 11:30am
\$5 Event Code:
PSS84263

ACT Practice Test

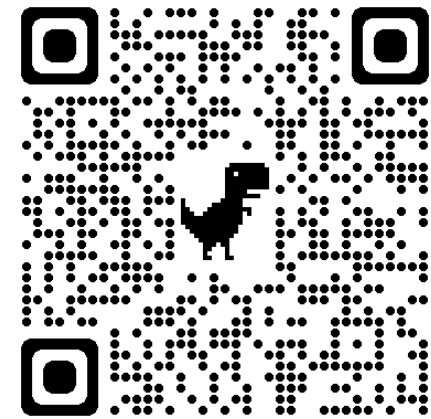
February 10
9:00am - 12:30pm
\$5 Event Code:
PAS84264

ACT Practice Test

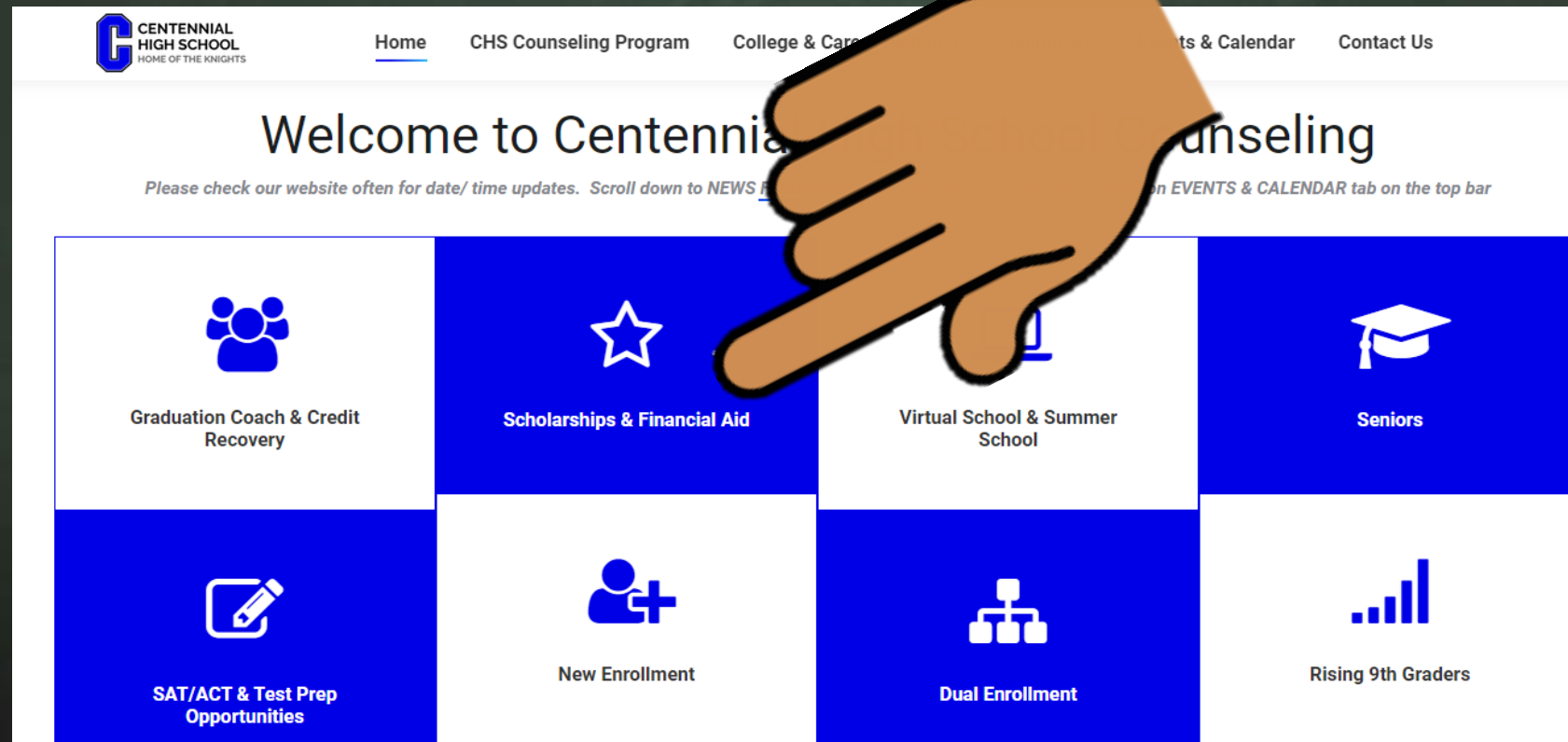
March 16
9:00am - 12:30pm
\$5 Event Code:
PAS84265

The January 20th SAT will be a Digital SAT. Students will need to bring a device for testing.









To register go to www.applerouth.com/signup and enter the event code.



COLLEGE MATRICULATION SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID



The image shows a screenshot of the Centennial High School Counseling website. The website has a white header with the school logo on the left and navigation links: Home, CHS Counseling Program, College & Career, Events & Calendar, and Contact Us. Below the header is a main heading 'Welcome to Centennial Counseling' and a sub-heading 'Please check our website often for date/ time updates. Scroll down to NEWS for more information on EVENTS & CALENDAR tab on the top bar'. The main content area is a grid of eight blue and white boxes, each with an icon and a text label. A large brown hand with a black outline is pointing to the 'Scholarships & Financial Aid' box.

 Graduation Coach & Credit Recovery	 Scholarships & Financial Aid	 Virtual School & Summer School	 Seniors
 SAT/ACT & Test Prep Opportunities	 New Enrollment	 Dual Enrollment	 Rising 9th Graders



COLLEGE MATRICULATION



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.

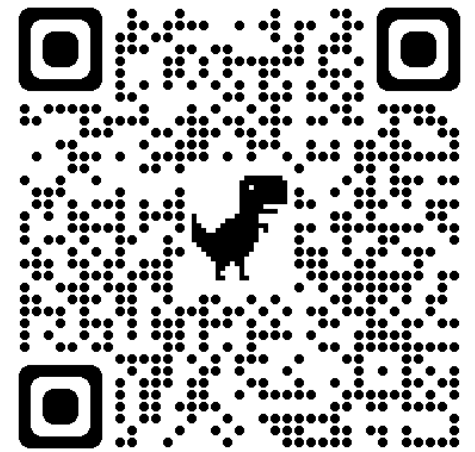
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Returning User?

[Correct info](#) | [Add a school](#)

[View your Student Aid Report \(SAR\)](#)

[Log In](#)



WWW.FAFSA.GOV

SENIOR STUDENTS APPLY FOR THE 2024-2025 SY

DECEMBER 3, 2023



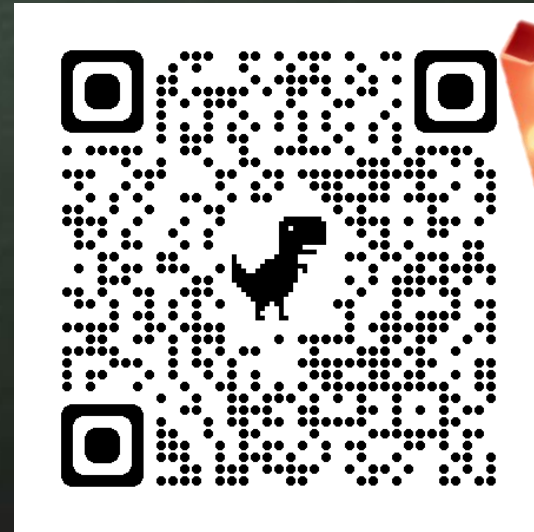
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CHS College and Career Calendar

Navigation: < Today > August 2023

View: Day Week 4 Weeks Month Year Timeline Agenda List

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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20 11am DEADLINE: Claremont McKenn	21 9:30am Princeton University: Virtual	22 7pm STREAMLINED FAFSA WEBIN	23	24	25	26
27	28 9:30am Princeton University: Virtual	29	30	31	Sep 1	2



WWW.MYCENTENNIALCOUNSELING.COM/seniors

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with the following links: Home, CHS Counseling Program, College & Career Planning, Resources, Events & Calendar, and Contact Us. The main heading is "Welcome to Centennial High School Counseling". Below this is a message: "Please check our website often for date/ time updates. Scroll down to NEWS FEED for upcoming events – For all events, click on EVENTS & CALENDAR tab on the top bar". The main content area features six service tiles: "Graduation Coach & Credit Recovery" (with a group of people icon), "Scholarships & Financial Aid" (with a star icon), "Virtual School & Summer School" (with a laptop icon), "Seniors" (with a graduation cap icon), "SAT/ACT & Test Prep Opportunities" (with a pencil and paper icon), and "New Enrollment" (with a person and plus sign icon).



This box contains an Instagram logo, the text "@Cen10Counselors", and the message "Follow us for ALL the news you need to know from the counseling office!". The word "Instagram" is written in its signature script font at the bottom left of the box.



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