

## SENIOR PARENT MEETING

CENTENNIAL HS COUNSELING

# Centennial High School PTSA



Senior Parent Night September 27, 2017

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### Have you joined PTSA?

- Support programs (mini-grants, senior treats, etc)
- Support our students
- Link to join at <u>www.centptsa.org</u>
- NEW!!! Online directory this year through MySchoolAnywhere.com

## We are a 2017-2019 National PTA School of Excellence



#### Have You Read the eNews?

#### CHS eNews September 2017

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL PTSA'S ONLINE NEWSLETTER



### Check out the website: www.centptsa.org

- Home
- Our PTSA
- eNews
- Archives
- Seniors 2018
- Juniors 2019
- Volunteer!
- Fundraising
- Calendar



### Fall Mock SAT/ACT Dates

- Saturday 9/30 Mock SAT
- Saturday 10/14 Diagnostic SAT/ACT
- Saturday 11/4 Mock ACT





Registration link at <u>www.centptsa.org</u>

#### Reflections

- 2017-2018 Reflections theme: Within Reach
- Categories include Visual Arts, Photography, Film Production,
   Dance Choreography, Music Composition, and Literature
- Registrations in Learning Commons and due by Friday
- Projects due October 13

### Senior Service Day

- Wednesday October 11
- Locations at Centennial and offsite
- Student sign ups next week; students who have paid Centennial graduation dues can sign up first
- NO COST TO PARTICIPATE
- Parent sign ups to chaperone ongoing: link at centptsa.org

### Senior Service Scholarship

- November 1: Applications posted at centptsa.org
- January: Workshops on how to write a successful application
- Late March: Applications due

\*Student needs to be a PTSA member\*



### New Parent Coffee with the Principal

- Thursday 11/9
- 8:30 am 10:00 am
- Centennial Counseling Suite



### Help our school:

- Go to GreatSchools.org and post about your Centennial experiences.
- Free money
- Volunteer once or for the year



### Engage in our community:

- Attend North Fulton Council PTA Fall School of Information (John's Creek Environmental Center; October 17; 9-11:30 a.m.)
  - Keynote speaker: Tyler Barr, Georgia PTA President
  - 10:15 AM Panel discussion " The New Dangers Keeping Our Children Safe in the 21st Century."
    - Brian Devore, FCS Coordinator for Health/PE
    - Heather Van Looy, FCS Instructional Technology Specialist
    - Detective Angela Washington, Fulton County School Police
    - Dr. Chris Matthews, Assistant Superintendent, FCS

Sign up at www.nfcpta.com



• Attend monthly Community School Board meetings; schedule at FultonSchools.com (Julia Bernath; Spaulding Elementary School; October 12; 11:30 am - 1:00 pm)





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### FEARS....

WHAT FEARS DO YOU
HAVE ABOUT THE
COLLEGE
APPLICATION
PROCESS?



### PARENT MEETING GOALS:

- TO EQUIP YOU WITH THE INFORMATION &
   RESOURCES NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ASSIST
   YOUR STUDENT(S) THROUGH THE COLLEGE
   APPLICATION PROCESS
- TO ANSWER YOUR COLLEGE-RELATED
   QUESTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO SQUELCH MUCH
   OF YOUR COLLEGE-RELATED FEARS
- TO PROVIDE TIPS FROM COLLEGE RECRUITERS
   ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND WHAT
   PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

# THE CLASS OF 2018 HAS RECEIVED MUCH INSTRUCTION AND MANY RESOURCES TO PREPARE THEM FOR SENIOR YEAR & THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



## OVERCOMING THE FEARS ABOUT COLLEGE ONE STEP AT A TIME

- 1. IDENTIFY THE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OF BEST FIT
- 2. COMPLETE THE APPLICATION
- 3. REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT/LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- 4. SAT/ACT/ACCUPLACER TESTS
- 5. ESSAY
- 6. TRACK YOUR PROGRESS





### CHOOSING A COLLEGE

STEP 1:



## COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: COLLEGE SELECTION



"Pay attention to the college environment 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 plan a PLAN B."



"Visit the college."



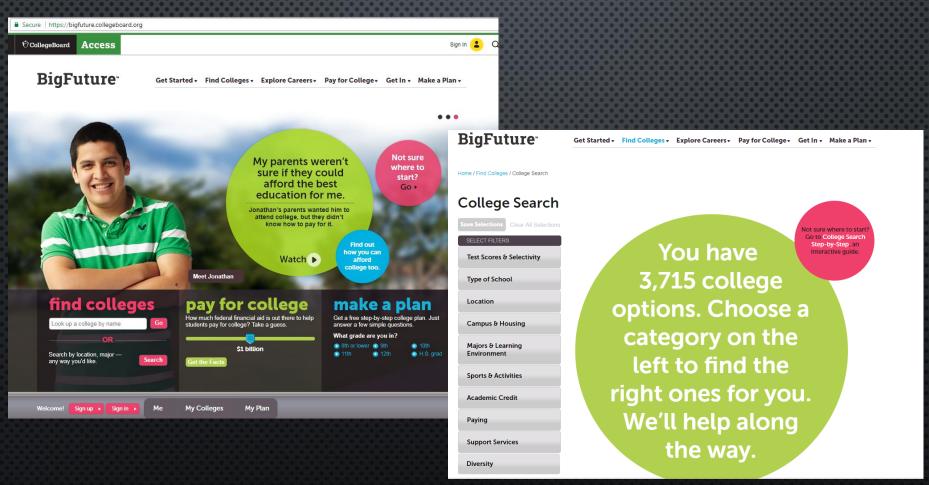
"Help plan student's college visits. Make sure they are happy with their choice. Happiness effects grades & performance."



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

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org



### HELPFUL RESOURCES

### http://www.makemeafreshman.com



Understand and organize your specific requirements for applying to college and financial aid. Get everything you need in one place!

- ✓ Applications
- ✓ Supplements
- ✓ Teacher Recommendations
- ✓ Standardized Testing
- ✓ Financial Aid
- ✓ Honors Programs
- ✓ Interviews
- ✓ And more!

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DONE	TASK	LIST	DEADLINE
120	Submit the UC Application.	University of California Berkeley	November 30, 2016
	Submit test scores for the SAT or ACT with Writing,	University of California Berkeley	November 30, 2016
	Pay the \$75 application fee or submit a Fee Waiver.	Harvard College	January 1, 2017
	Submit the School Report with your official high school transcript and a recommendation from a counselor.	Harvard College	January 1, 2017
	Submit Harvard College's supplement to the Common Application.	Harverd College	January I., 2017
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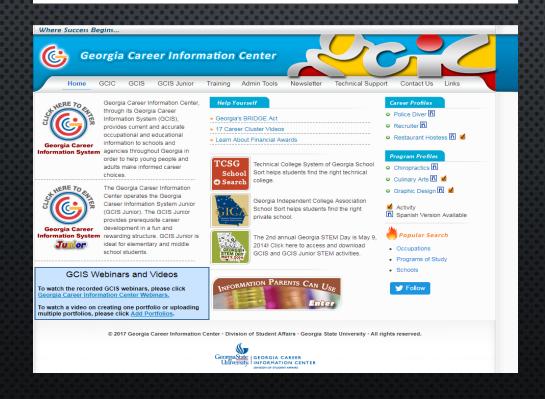
### HELPFUL RESOURCES

### http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu

Log in using the following information:

GCIS Username: Your Student ID + s (example: 123456789s)

GCIS Password: CHSKnights2018 (case sensitive)



### UPCOMING PROBE FAIRS

#### Tuesday, October 10

Atlanta North Fair - 6pm - 9pm North Point Mall, Alpharetta

#### **Thursday, October 12 (Morning)**

Forsyth County Fair - 9am - 12pm Lanier Technical College Conference Center

#### **Thursday, October 12 (Evening)**

Cobb County Fair - 6pm - 8pm Marietta High School, Marietta





### COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

STEP 2:



## COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: THE APPLICATION



"Deadlines....pay attention!"



"Parents, make the student do the work."



"Let the student go through the process; it teaches them self-advocacy."



"Tell your student not to wait until the last minute; deadlines are hard."

## KNOW YOUR DEADLINES MEETING YOUR DEADLINE = ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

**Early Decision** 

- Binding (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges)
  - Emory

**Early Action** 

- Not Binding
  - UGA and GA Tech
  - If Deferred, student can reapply under Regular Decision

**Regular Decision** 

- Not Binding
  - UGA and Georgia Tech

**Rolling Admissions** 

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State; May deadline/notifications on-going

**Open Admissions** 

- Review of application is on-going
- Deadlines and Notifications vary

### THE COLLEGE'S ADMISSION WEBPAGE



Create an account



Review the list of required documents



Use your application checklist



Parts of an application are not typically sent or received at the same time





### COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Preview the application so that you know what to have on hand

### Have all info you need on hand

- resume
- •list of school & community activities
- contact info for letters of recommendations
- family/parent history
- •GPA on a 100 point scale (Student Access Center)

Save your work as you go

Include Application Fee Check
Spelling and
Grammar

SUBMIT!



### OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS & LOR'S

STEP 3:

### REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS & LORS

#### THE PROCESS



Complete the GREEN TRANSCRIPT/
RECOMMENDATION REQUEST CARD (located in the Counseling Office)

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### REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS & LORS

### TRANSCRIPTS

LORs

Indicate, on the request card, which institution should receive the student's transcript. Also indicate the means by which the transcript should be submitted (electronically/via hard copy)

Indicate, on the request card, whether your college/university requires a counselor letter of recommendation. Indicate the means by which it should be submitted.

If your college/university requires a letter of recommendation, enter your counselor's name & e-mail address, in the online college application, where counselor information is requested. If a **TEACHER** letter of recommendation is required, enter the teacher's name & e-mail address in the application where requested.

Attach a copy of the **SENIOR PROFILE** (both student & parent portions) to the transcript/recommendation request card

Track the delivery of your transcript and/or LORs, through your college account, to ensure that they have been received by the college/university.

#### mycentennialcounseling.com/wp-content/uploads/ CHS-Senior-Profile-Parent-Portion-FINAL.pdf

#### CHS SENIOR PROFILE: Parent Questionnaire

REQUIRED FOR REQUESTING LETTERS of RECOMMENDATIONS

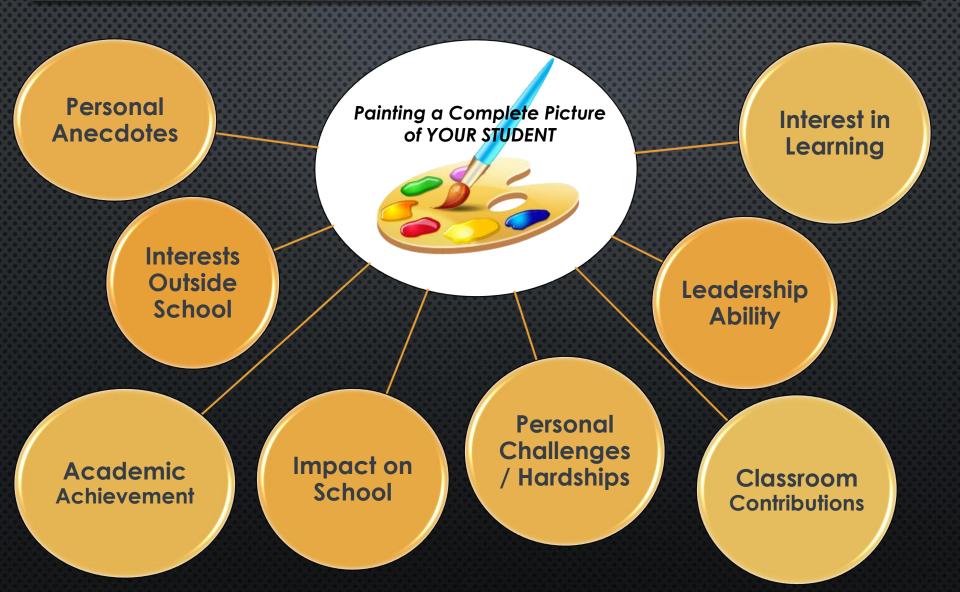
Letters of Recommendation must to be requested at least 10 school days in advance of your deadline

If your student is requesting a letter of recommendation from his/her counselor for a college application or scholarship, we ask that parents complete this form. This information will assist the counselor in writing a recommendation which will fully highlight your student and his/her accomplishments. The more specific details you can give us, the more thorough the recommendation will be.

Once completed, save this file and email it to the counselor or print it out and have your student turn it in to the counseling office along with a letter of recommendation request and the <u>student portion</u> of the CHS Senior Profile.
Student's Name:
Parent's Name:
Relationship to Student:
Parent Contact Information: Phone Email
Colleges to which your student will likely apply:
What factors or considerations are of primary importance in your student's selection of a college (size, location, cost,
degrees offered, reputation, athletics, etc.) and why?
The words/phrases (strengths and weaknesses) that first come to mind to describe my student are:
I would like you to know the following information/anecdate (anecdates are very helpful) about my students

	Describe any events or experiences that you believe have significantly influenced your student:
	Is there any additional information or special circumstances not mentioned elsewhere of which college admissions officers should be made aware?
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#### WHAT COLLEGES WANT IN A LETTER OF REC



### OTHER RECOMMENDATION WRITERS



- TEACHERS, COACHES/CLUB SPONSORS, MENTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ETC. MAY SERVE AS RECOMMENDERS
- ASK THE RECOMMENDER FOR PERMISSION FIRST
- PROVIDE THE RECOMMENDER A COPY OF YOUR SENIOR PROFILE
- Provide a <u>MINIMUM</u> notice of 10
   School Days
- SUBMIT RECOMMENDERS NAME & E-MAIL
   INTO ONLINE APPLICATION

If the college does not require a letter of recommendation, they will not accept or review any letters submitted.



## ENTRANCE EXAMS

STEP 4:



# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: ENTRANCE EXAMS



"Test early and shoot for SCHOLARSHIP scores, not just admission scores."



"Test early for early application and scholarship opportunities."

## ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & ACCUPLACER

**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)
- We will NOT be offering a free SAT at CHS this year

## **ACCUPLACER TEST**

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

# SAT/ACT PREP

## 2017-18 Mock Test Schedule at Centennial High School



Mock tests are an excellent tool for sophomores and juniors to use in determining their test prep strategies for their college exams. College bound students should try to take one of these practice exams prior to taking the real thing.

September 30 - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 am (event code M266044)

October 14 - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm (event code M266045)

November 4 - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm (event code M266046)

February 3 - Mock SAT Saturday, 9am - 1:30 pm (event code M266047)

March 3 - Mock ACT Saturday, 9am - 1:15 pm (event code M266048)

March 24 - SAT/ACT Diagnostic Test Saturday, 9am-1:30pm Cafeteria (event code M266049)

To register, go to <u>applerouth.com/signup</u> and enter the event code. Cost is \$5. Money noes towards Centennial PTSA.

## Centennial High School Students: We Have Your Prep

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### **Features**

Hours: 15 hours of in-person instructor-led prep

Practice Tests: 3 proctored and 13 additional available tests

Study tools: Access to additional video lessons and online practice drills

Fall 2017-18 Classes				
Test	Day of Week	Class Times	Start Date	End Date
October SAT	Tuesday	4:00 – 6:30PM	August 26	October 3
October ACT	Wednesday	4:00 – 6:30PM	September 9	October 25
November SAT	Thursday	4:00 – 6:30PM	September 23	November 2
December ACT	Monday	4:00 – 6:30PM	October 21	December 4

\*All Classes have 3 Practice Tests on Saturday mornings at 9:00AM

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## I HAVEN'T TESTED YET...CAN I STILL APPLY?

REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE UPCOMING TESTS:

SAT	ACT
AUG <mark>26</mark> 2017	SEPT92017
OCT72017	OCT282017
NOV42017	DEC92017
DEC22017	FEB102018
MAR102018	APR142018
MAY52018	JUN92018

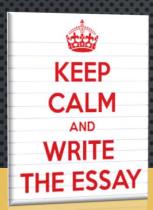


Applications are incomplete until <u>EVERYTHING</u> has been received by the college, INCLUDING TEST SCORES



THE ESSAY

STEP 5:



# The College Application Essay

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Select the Best Topic & Subject for you

**Answer the Question** 

Check Your Ego at the Door

**Accentuate the Positive** 

Research the College Before Writing the Essay

Invest in a Strong Intro

## Mistakes

Don't Exceed the Requested Essay Length

Don't Appear Self-Interested or Materialistic

Don't Rely on Your Computer's Spell Check

Don't Rehash the Resume

Don't Fall in Love with the Thesaurus

Don't Wait until the Last Minute

## WHAT IS <u>YOUR</u> NEXT STEP...

### Help your student finalizing their List of Colleges

- College Reps
- College Campus Visits
- College Fairs
- Websites: College admissions websites and www.gcic.peachnet.edu

## Assist your student through the application

- Review the College Application Checklist for each college
- Help your student outline a timeline for completion of each required component
- Follow up on any areas your student may not have started yet
- www.makemeafreshman.com is a useful tool to keep track of deadlines

### **Get Started**

- Designate a time for your student to complete the application
- Ensure that your student has submitted each separate application requirement
- Remind your student to monitor their application status
- Contact the college's office of admissions with application status questions

### **Financial Aid Questions?**

- Counselors will be entering senior classrooms again in January for a Financial Aid lesson
- Complete FAFSA (starting in October)
- •www.finaid.org has a lot of great information regarding financial aid options



# 2017 COLLEGE WEEK: OCTOBER 23-27

## CENTENNIAL'S APPLY TO COLLEGE DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>
ALL SENIOR ENGLISH CLASSES

College Week Events of Special Interest to Seniors





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## Welcome to the Centennial HS Counseling Website!

Posted by admin

September 5, 2016



Our goal for this website is to provide a valuable and relevant resource for Centennial High School students, parents, teachers and community members.

### North Point Mall College Fair -9/11/17

#### JUNIORS AND SENIORS:

This is an excellent opportunity to meet

college reps and gather info from 30+ colleges

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Counselin Address:

explore the possibilities

### Popular Articles

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### Popular Topics

- > Graduation Requirements
- > Virtual School & Credit Recovery
- Meet with College Representatives
- Scholarships, HOPE & Financial Aid
- SAT & ACT Prep Opportunities
- > Parent Nights
- Downloads

### Quick Links

- Centennial High School Homepage
- Home Access
- College Board
- ACT Student
- GA Career Information System (GCIS)
- GA Futures
- Move On When Ready

## @Knights\_Scholar



Follow us for ALL the news you need to know from the counseling office!

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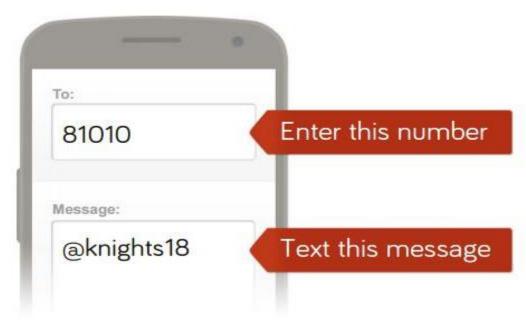
Fax: (470) 254-4244

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# COLLEGE QUICK TIPS: GENERAL ADVICE



"Encourage students to read each page carefully as the answers to questions will most likely be there."



"Talk to your college admissions counselor. We are your most underutilized resource."



"Students are always encouraged to ASK if they do not understand something about the application process – we are here to aid them in that!"





We are looking forward to a great year!



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRMTGFEEDBACK