



Centennial College Week 2015: October 24th – 31st

≥ Sign-Up for Breakout Sessions and Field Trips in the Counseling Office ≤



Saturday: October 24th

College Fair for Students with Disabilities:

10:00am – 1:30pm at Gwinnett County Public Schools Instructional Support Center

Do you have accommodations (extended time on tests, note taking assistance, etc.) through an IEP or 504 plan? Are you aware of how to access similar accommodations at the college level? Meet with college disability services representatives and local college counselors to hear how the process works at the postsecondary level.

For detailed event information download: [College Fair for Students w/Disabilities flyer](#), [College Fair Breakout Session Schedule](#)



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Monday: October 26th

ACT vs New SAT vs Old SAT sponsored by Applerouth:

Periods 1, 2, 4A & 4B (Band Room/Room G-53)

Do you know the differences between the ACT, the current SAT and the new SAT which will begin this spring? What is considered a “good” score on these exams? When is the best time for you to test? Come to this session to find out the answers to these questions and learn more about college entrance exams. This session will help you start working to figure out which test is right for you and how you can prepare yourself for these exams.

Managing the Stress of Applying to College sponsored by Summit Counseling:

Periods 4A & 4B (Room H-02)

Are you feeling stressed when thinking about college admissions and what “life after high school” looks like? Do you feel pressured to figure out your path to college and a future career? Planning for college can be a stressful time in your life, but know that you’re not alone. Stress can look differently for everyone, so come to this session to learn how to recognize and respond to stress. You’ll also get helpful tips on the admissions process and what skills to learn now that will help you once you get to college.

Class of 2017 GCIS College Search

Various Periods via Junior Language Arts Classes

Junior English classes will work on completing a personalized college search using the GCIS website. Students will find a minimum of 3 colleges which match the characteristics they are looking for in a college/university and their academic/career goals.

Clark Atlanta, Morehouse and Spelman Field Trip

This trip is open to Juniors & Seniors. Seats are limited!



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Tuesday: October 27th

NCAA Clearinghouse & College Student Athletics:

2nd Period (Room F-46)

Are you a student athlete who is thinking about competing at the college level? If so, this presentation is for you! Come learn about how to earn NCAA eligibility along with the student athlete recruiting process.

United States Military Services 101:

3rd period (Cafeteria)

Have you ever wondered if military service would be right for you or do you already plan on entering the military? Do you know the difference between each service branch? What's the difference between entering the military as an officer or enlisted? Come learn about our US military branches and the opportunities they have to help you reach your college and career goals. Panelists will include the US Army, Navy, Marines and National Guard.

Decoding Your GPA:

Periods 4A & 4B (Room G-53)

Do you know your GPA? What is the difference between a GPA on a 100 pt scale and a 4.0 scale? What about a Weighted GPA vs Unweighted GPA? Core GPA? but then there's the HOPE GPA? If you don't know the answers to these questions, come to this session and find out the facts so that you can better understand your own GPA and figure out how to calculate it too!!

Scholarship Essay Writing Tips:

5th Period (I-18)

A well written essay can turn in to big scholarship dollars for students. There are millions of dollars available in scholarship money for all students (regardless of grades, school activities or community service). Come learn some helpful strategies for scholarship essay writing which may help you to cash in.

Class of 2017 GCIS College Search

Various Periods via Junior Language Arts Classes

Junior English classes will work on completing a personalized college search using the GCIS website. Students will find a minimum of 3 colleges which match the characteristics they are looking for in a college/university and their academic/career goals.

Atlanta Technical College Campus Field Trip

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Wednesday: October 28th

Careers with Non-Traditional Post-Secondary Education:

2nd Period (Band Room/F-46)

Are you Artsy? Crafty? Handy? Or maybe you just can't imagine sitting through another 4 years or more of school? This workshop is for you! Come meet with professionals who have found happiness through careers that do not require a formal college education. Guests will include professionals in the field of photography, video game development, and audio technology in the music industry.

Stop, Drop & Hope/the HOPE GPA:

3rd Period Classes (School Wide)

Today during 3rd period every student in every class will learn what you need to be eligible for the HOPE scholarship. Once everyone knows the rules, they will practice calculating a sample HOPE GPA.

Historically Black College & Universities (HBCU) Panel:

5th Period (Room G-53)

What do Martin Luther King, Jr., Oprah Winfrey, and Samuel L Jackson have in common? They all graduated from a Historically Black College or University! For over 150 years HBCU's have nurtured African American leaders of government, industry and art. Visit with college representatives and learn more about the HBCU experience. Panelists will include Fort Valley State, Paine College, Morehouse College, and Albany State.

Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship Writing Lab:

5th Period (Room I-18)

Imagine that your high school, has been overrun by Zombies. The Unigo.com Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship Committee is wants to hear your zombie survival plan in a short essay (250 words or less). One 'survivor' will be awarded \$2000 dollars towards his/her college education. This session is for students applying for this or any scholarship requiring an essay. Bring your working essay draft to this session to get feedback and suggestions to help your essay stand out amongst the 'walking dead'. The deadline to submit online is midnight October 31st, so time is ticking!

Link to complete scholarship prompt and information: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship> (students 13 yrs of age or older are eligible!)

Latino College Night:

6:30-8:30pm (CHS Learning Commons)

Come meet with bilingual admission counselors from 8 different Georgia colleges! Latino parents and students will learn about admission requirements, financial aid, as well as incentives for DACA students. Also, 5 Latino CHS former Knights will be there to share their college experience.



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Thursday: October 29th

CHS Class of 2016 Apply to College Day:

Various Periods via Senior Language Arts Classes

Colleges cannot accept you unless you **APPLY!** Today, all seniors will have the chance to work on completing the online application to a college of their choice. College representatives, school counselors, and community volunteers will be on hand to assist students and answer questions as they work on their application for college admission.

College & Scholarship Opportunities for Latino Students sponsored by HSF:

Period 2 (Juniors) & Period 3 (Seniors) [Room F-46]

Attention all 11th and 12th grade Latino students! Join us for this session to learn about the exciting scholarship opportunities which are available for you. A guest speaker from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund will be here to share information on the ways you can pursue financial aid to help pay for college.

Setting Realistic & SMART College Goals sponsored by S.M.A.R.T:

Periods 4A & 4B (AVID classes only) & 5th Period [Room I-18]

It is not uncommon for students to set high expectations for themselves without setting smart & realistic goals. This interactive session will encourage students to be more realistic with themselves and their parents about college preparation and learn about how to explore all of your options for college the SMART way.

Junior Parent Night sponsored by Applerouth:

6:30pm - 8:00pm [CHS Auditorium]

The Centennial Counseling Department, along with Applerouth Tutoring Services, will present timely and important information to Junior Parents and Students about preparing for postsecondary options—with topics such as trends in college admissions, college searches and the college decision-making process, SAT/ACT (including the new SAT) and test prep, important dates and reminders for Juniors, and more! If you are a Junior Parent or Student, please plan attend this informative event!



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Friday: October 24th

2 Year College/Technical School Panel:

1st period (Band Room/Room F-46)

Two Year College and Technical schools have become increasingly popular amongst high school graduates. Come find out why these schools are booming, what they have to offer and see if this could be a good fit for you. Panelists will include GA Perimeter College and more.

The College Experience as told by CHS Alumni:

Periods 2 & 3 (Band Room/Room F-46)

Every year CHS graduates enter their college experience. Today a group of our recent alumni who are now college students will come back to share what college life is like. Our panelists will tell you about the best and most difficult aspects of college, what best prepared them and what they would have done differently if they knew then what they know now. Come learn about college life through the experiences of former Centennial Knights!

Show Me the Money: Funding Your College Education sponsored by College

Transitions: Periods 4A (Seniors Only) & 4B (Sophomores & Juniors only)

Are you wondering about how you and your family are going to pay for college? Do you feel lost when it comes to knowing how to look for scholarships? If so, then this session is for you! Come learn how to figure out the cost of college along with tips and strategies to help you get the financial aid you need to pay for it.

Parent Survival Tips for Senior Year & the Transition to College: sponsored by Summit

Counseling: 11:30am-1:00pm (in Room H-02)

Are you feeling overwhelmed as you prepare your child for their senior year and transition into college? Are you about to send your first, middle or youngest child away to college? Do you know what it feels like to be an “empty nester”? Come to our panel discussion to learn more about the challenges of being a senior parent and the transition to college. This session, facilitated by LeeAnna King, APC, will offer helpful tips for junior and senior parents to navigate this very special time.

Georgia State University Field Trip

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Saturday: October 31st

SAT or ACT? Practice Test sponsored by Kaplan:

9:00am-1:00pm (\$5) [CHS Cafeteria]

Many students are asking: "Which test should I take?" Most colleges today accept both the SAT and ACT and state that they don't have a preference. It's not unusual for a student to score significantly higher on one test vs. the other. Take the SAT/ACT diagnostic test to help you decide which one is best for you. Click here for more information: [SAT vs ACT Practice Test Flyer](#)

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