

11th Grade Classroom Guidance

Centennial High School
Counseling Department
November 1-2, 2012

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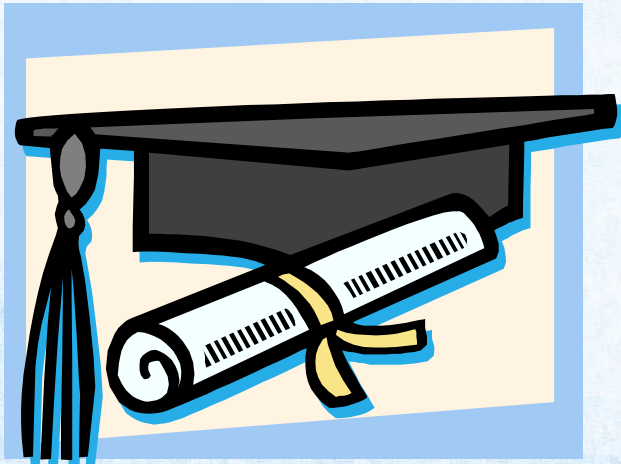
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Materials and Agenda

- Junior Packet
 - College Planning Timeline
 - College Admission Factors (Admissions Decisions: What Counts)
 - Choosing A College—Finding The Appropriate FIT
 - College Admissions Testing
 - Resources For Post-Secondary Planning
 - PSAT Next Steps—My College QuickStart

CHS Counseling Junior Advisement

*Junior Advisement Conferences, November – April



Centennial Counseling Important 2012-13 Dates For Juniors

- **October 30** **Junior Parents Night – 6:30pm**
- **November 1-2** **Junior Guidance**
- **November-March** **Junior Advisement**

- **November 28** **Financial Aid Night – 6:30pm (Auditorium)**
- **January** **AP/Joint Enrollment Information Night**
- **February 7-8** **Junior Guidance**
- **February 10** **Atlanta National College Fair, 12:00-4:00 PM, Georgia World Congress Center (Information available at www.nacacnet.org events tab)**
- **February 27** **Georgia High School Writing Test Retest**
- **March 18-22** **Georgia High School Graduation Tests**
- **March** **Course Verification Form for 2013-14 due**

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Important 2012-13 Dates For Juniors
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- **April 29-May 3** **Georgia End-of-Course Tests**
- **Late April – May** **Summer School Registration**
- **May 6-17** **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams**
- **Summer** **Prospective Div I & II Athletes Register**
 For NCAA Clearinghouse
 www.eligibilitycenter.org

- *All dates (with the exception of test dates) are subject to change. Consult CHS and Counseling Department Calendars at www.chsknights.com and/or www.mycentennialcounseling.com for updated information.*



Preparing for a College Search

Know Yourself

- Values
- Ambitions
- Achievements
- Academic Strengths
- Interests
- Your Standout Talents

Know Yourself

- www.gcic.peachnet.edu
 - Username: centennialhs
 - Password: gcis995
- www.gacollege411.org

Types of Colleges

Type	Description	Tuition and Fees	Admission Requirements
Four Year	<p>Degrees offered: Bachelors and beyond</p> <p>Provides: A well-rounded college experience that includes a major area of study.</p>	<p>Public: Average \$8, 000/year</p> <p>Private: Average \$27,293/year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “College Prep Diploma” +• GPA• SAT / ACT• Class rank• Essay• Extracurricular Activities• Letters Of Recommendation

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Two Year Junior	<p>Degrees offered: Associates</p> <p>Provides: A way to ease into college / take general college classes for credit and save money. Typically have agreements with four year colleges to transfer credits.</p>	Average \$2,000/year—public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High School Diploma • GPA may be evaluated • SAT / ACT may be required • <i>GPC offers</i> <p><i>Admission to graduates with a 2.0 CP GPA</i></p> <p><i>•Transfer Admission Guarantee Agreement</i></p>

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Two Year Technical	<p>Degrees offered: Associates, Certificate, Diploma</p> <p>Provides: Direct job training. <i>GA Technical College System has a 98% placement rate within six months of student graduation.</i></p>	Average \$1200/year—public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High School Diploma• SAT / ACT optional• COMPASS / ASSET typically required

Choosing Your College Priorities

What is important to you?

- Majors / Degrees
- Size
- Location
- Campus Appeal
- Residential / Social Life
- Activities / Clubs / Sports



Choosing Your College Priorities

Limiting Factors:

- Admissions Difficulty
 - Match
 - Reach
 - Safety
- Costs, excluding aid
- Specific courses required



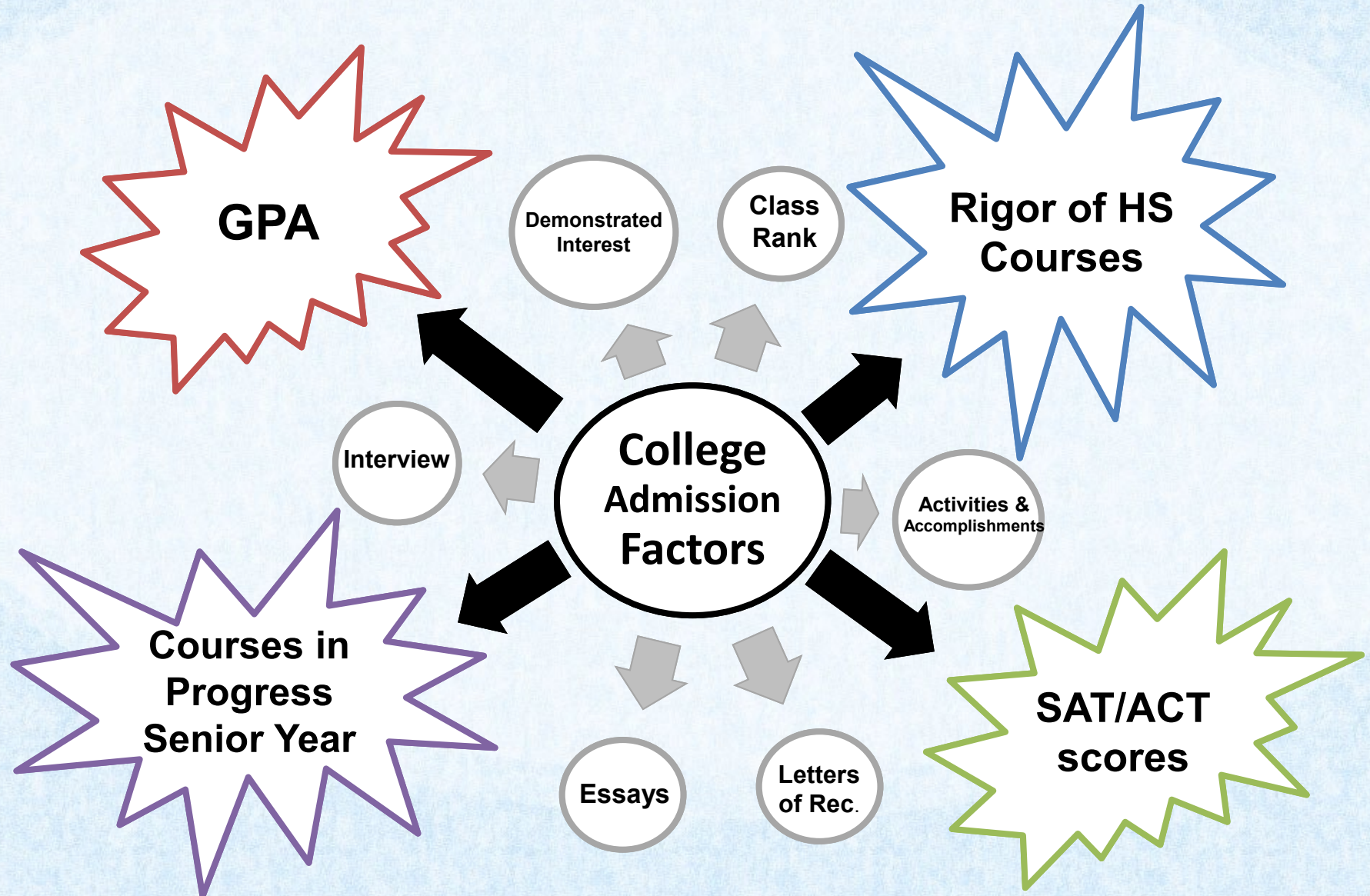
Choosing Your College Priorities

Discovering Options:

- Websites
- Catalogs / Videos
- School Faculty
- Family and Friends
- College Fairs
- College Rep Visits to CHS
- Campus Visits



What information do college admission officers review?



Admission to “Selective” Colleges

Just as students should search for the best college “fit,” selective colleges search for the best student “fit.”

College admission officers set a goal of crafting a well-rounded freshman class.

About College Admission Tests

- **SAT**

- Length is 3 hours, 45 minutes
- Areas tested include critical reading, math, and writing
- Total score out of 2400 (3 sections of up to 800 points each)
- Register at www.collegeboard.com

- **ACT**

- Length is 3 hours, 25 minutes
- Areas tested include English, math, reading, science, and writing (optional)
- Total score out of 36 (based on the average of 4 tests)
- Register at www.actstudent.org

Test Prep Options

- FREE Centennial SAT Prep Class
- FREE GA College 411 Test Prep
- FREE MarchToSuccess.com Test Prep
- Princeton Review Partner Classes
- Studyworks, KAPLAN, and others
- Princeton Review – Spring 2013 Prep class

Remember that the best preparation includes taking college prep classes and reading as often as possible!

Student Responsibilities

- **Be focused:** Narrow your options through good research
- **Be realistic:** Classify your options—"match," "reach," and "safety" schools; \$\$\$\$
- **Be aware:** Know application requirements, fees, and deadlines
- **Be conscientious:** Keep records and copies of everything

College Application Process

- Organizer/Checklist in Packet
- Senior Classroom Guidance – Fall 2013
- Senior Parent Night – Fall 2013
- Juniors may request an appointment with their counselor if they have questions during the school year 2012-13.

Next Steps for Juniors

In School

- ✓ Stay focused on academics
- ✓ Do not lighten your academic load for senior year
- ✓ Meet with your school counselor
- ✓ Stay involved in school activities (commitment/leadership)

Standardized Testing

- ✓ Prepare for and register for ACT / SAT tests as appropriate
- ✓ Take GHSGT and AP tests as appropriate

College Exploration

- ✓ Explore colleges on the Web
- ✓ Visit colleges
- ✓ Meet with college representatives
- ✓ Attend college fairs

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

November 28, 2012

6:30PM

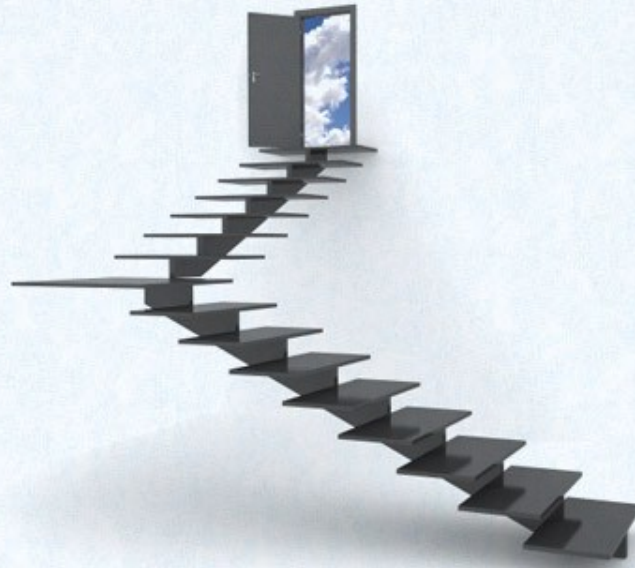
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RESOURCES

This Presentation May Be Found Online at
www.mycentennialcounseling.com

NCAA

- DIVISION 1 – 16 CORE COURSES
- DIVISION 2 – 16 CORE COURSES
- SLIDING SCALE OF SAT/ACT + GPA = ELIGIBILITY
- TRANSCRIPT SHOULD BE SENT TO NCAA Eligibility Center AFTER 11TH GRADE
- RECOVERY COURSES (Plato)
- Mr. Kirk will present NCAA at lunches 11/12



Next Steps

RESOURCES

- Junior Guidance Packet and Graduation Status Report
- www.Mycentennialcounseling.com
- GACollege411.org
- My College QuickStart (PSAT Score Report)

RESOURCES

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.cappex.com
- www.inlikeme.com
- www.NextStepU.com
- First Semester, Senior Year: Senior Guidance, Senior Parent Night, Financial Aid Night, College Rep Visits to CHS, College PROBE Fair at North Point Mall

**Thank you for your
attention**

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