

# Junior Parent Night Class of 2013

Centennial High School  
Counseling Department  
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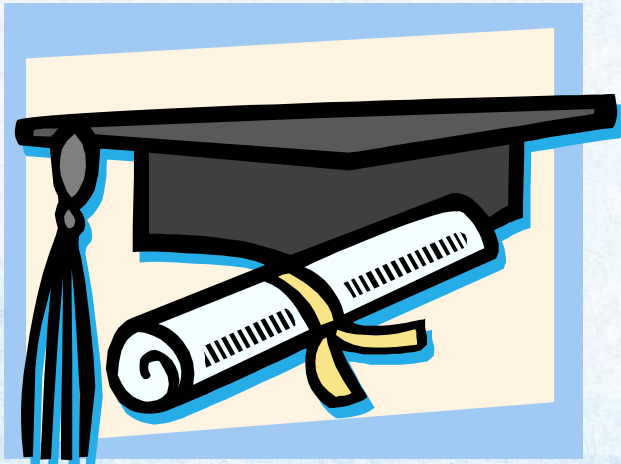
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# CHS Counseling Junior Advisement

- \*Junior Classroom Guidance – November 2, 3 in US History classes
- \*Junior Conferences, November – April



# Materials and Agenda

- Calendar/Packet/Brochures
- Feedback Form
- Words of Wisdom
- Preparing for a College Search
- Financial Aid and Georgia's HOPE Program
- Next Steps for Juniors
- Q & A



# What Kind Of Helicopter Are You?



# Words of Wisdom

Relax...

You will get in.

70% of colleges accept an average of 70% of their applicants.





# Words of Wisdom

You don't need to go  
far away.

88% of high school  
students go to college in  
their home state.





# Words of Wisdom

If you don't have a major,  
it's OK.

More than half of new  
college students say a very  
important reason for going  
to college is "to find my  
purpose in life."





# Words of Wisdom

93% of college graduates are extremely pleased with the college(s) they attended regardless of whether or not the college(s) was/were their first-choice school(s).

However, picking a college is not an irrevocable decision. Students can always transfer.







Preparing for a College Search



# Know Yourself

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



# Know Yourself

- [www.gcic.peachnet.edu](http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu)
  - Username: centennialhs
  - Password: gcis995
- [www.gacollege411.org](http://www.gacollege411.org)





# Types of Colleges

Type	Description	Tuition and Fees	Admission Requirements
<b>Four Year</b>	<p><b>Degrees offered:</b> Bachelors and beyond</p> <p><b>Provides:</b> A well-rounded college experience that includes a major area of study.</p>	<p><b>Public:</b> Average \$7,605/year</p> <p><b>Private:</b> Average \$27,293/year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “College Prep Diploma” +</li><li>• GPA</li><li>• SAT / ACT</li><li>• Class rank</li><li>• Essay</li><li>• Extracurricular Activities</li><li>• Letters Of Recommendation</li></ul>

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<b>Two Year Junior</b>	<p><b>Degrees offered:</b> Associates</p> <p><b>Provides:</b> 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 \$2,713/year—public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School Diploma</li> <li>• GPA may be evaluated</li> <li>• SAT / ACT may be required</li> <li>• <i>GPC offers <b>Guaranteed Admission</b> to graduates with a 2.0 CP or 2.2 CT GPA</i></li> <li>• <i><b>Transfer Admission Guarantee Agreement</b></i></li> </ul>



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<b>Two Year Technical</b>	<p><b>Degrees offered:</b> Associates, Certificate, Diploma</p> <p><b>Provides:</b> Direct job training. <i>GA Technical College System has a <b>98% placement rate</b> within six months of student graduation.</i></p>	Average \$2,700/year— public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High School Diploma</li><li>• SAT / ACT optional</li><li>• COMPASS / ASSET typically required</li></ul>



# Choosing Your College Priorities

Finding the appropriate college is all about “**FIT**”

The process should be managed by the student with input and guidance from others

Research and Organize!





# 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?

- **Grades / GPA in college prep courses**
- **Strength of high school course selections**
- **Courses in progress Senior year**
- **SAT / ACT Score(s)**
- Class rank
- Teacher and counselor recommendations
- Essay(s)
- Interview
- Activities and accomplishments (*leadership, commitment, uniqueness*)
- Student's demonstrated interest



# 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—more of an “art” than a “science.”



# 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](http://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](http://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

*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
- Senior Parent Night
- Juniors may request an appointment with their counselor if they have questions





# Financial Aid



# Financing Your Education

- Cost of Attendance (COA)
  - Tuition and Fees
  - Room and Board
  - Books and Supplies
  - Transportation and Personal Expenses





# Financing Your Education

- Types of Financial Aid
  - Scholarships
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Work-Study
- Financial Aid Forms
  - **FAFSA** ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
  - PROFILE
  - Institutional





# Financing Your Education

## - Community / Organization Scholarships

- Family Employers and Affiliations
- Scholarship Announcements/Postings
- CHS Counseling Website
- Other Websites (Examples)
  - [www.gacollege411.com](http://www.gacollege411.com)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
  - [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
  - [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)
  - [www.atlantascholarships.com](http://www.atlantascholarships.com)





# Financing Your Education

It should never be necessary to *spend* money in order to *find* money for college.

Beware of scholarship scams and those who solicit money for assistance!





# Financing Your Education

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC): Based on size of family, number of family members in college, family savings and earnings
- Cost of Attendance (COA) – Expected Family Contribution (EFC) = *Financial Need*





# HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

## 1. Hope Scholarship (See website)

- 3.0 GPA (Grade converted by GSFC)
- CORE Courses (Eng, Math SS, Science, FL)
- Honors/AP points removed (.50 for AP added)
- No Middle School grades are counted
- Pays for a % amount of the standard tuition for Public and Private Colleges
- No book or fee stipend or remedial courses
- Regain one time
- Maintain 3.0 in college



## 2. ZELL MILLER (see website)

- meet all requirements for HOPE

PLUS

- 3.7 GPA

- 1200 SAT (Math+Reading) or 26 ACT (single administration)

- Be the HS Val or Sal

- Maintain 3.3 in college

- \$4000 /yr for 15 hours at Private Colleges



### 3. HOPE Grant (see website)

- For students seeking a certificate or diploma
- No GPA required to enter but must maintain 3.0 GPA while taking coursework
- Pay for a % of standard tuition
- Checkpoints at 30 hours and 60 hours



# HOPE Scholarship Grade Conversion

<u>Transcript Grade</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>HOPE GP</u>
90-100	A	4.0
80-89	B	3.0
70-79	C	2.0
<70	F	0.0

Subtract 7 points from transcript grade for  
AP/Honors classes, THEN:

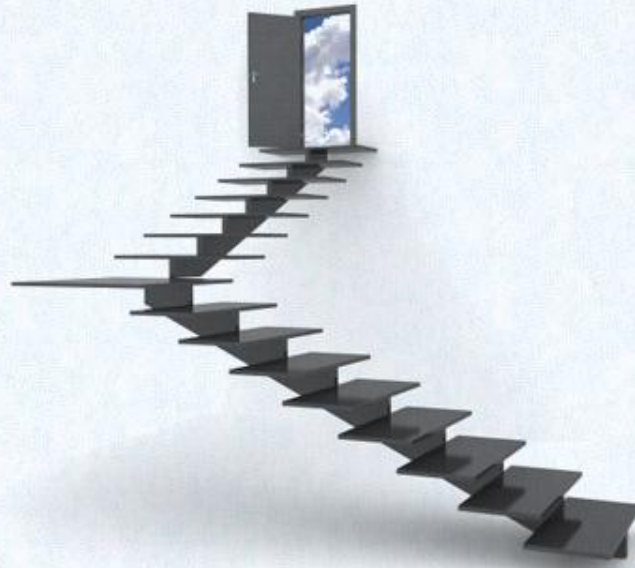
Add 0.5 GP to adjusted grade for AP classes only



# HOPE Grant

- Amount: Covers tuition, HOPE-approved mandatory fees, and a book allowance of up to \$300 per academic year
- Eligibility: GA residents attending a public technical college or public college/university who are enrolled in a certificate or diploma program
- Eligibility: Full-time enrollment and minimum high school GPA not required





Next Steps



# 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

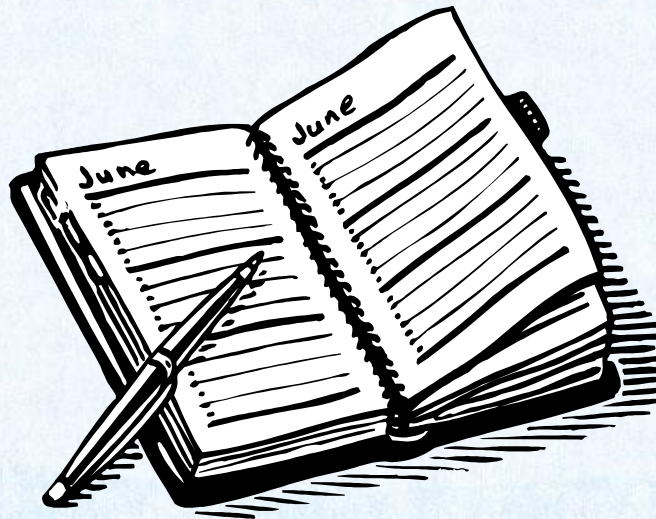
## **College Exploration**

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



# Important Dates

- 2012 Dates For Juniors
- College Planning Calendar





# RESOURCES

Tonight's Presentation May Be Found  
Online at

[www.mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.mycentennialcounseling.com)

Click on "Counseling"

Click on "Parent Nights"

Click on link under Junior Parent Night



# RESOURCES

- Junior Guidance Packet and Graduation Status Report
- [www.Mycentennialcounseling.com](http://www.Mycentennialcounseling.com)
- [GACollege411.org](http://GACollege411.org)
- GA Career Information Center
- My College QuickStart (PSAT Score Report)



# RESOURCES

- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- [www.inlikeme.com](http://www.inlikeme.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 attending  
tonight!**

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