

Junior Parent Night Class of 2014

Centennial High School
Counseling Department
October 30, 2012

Counseling Department at CHS

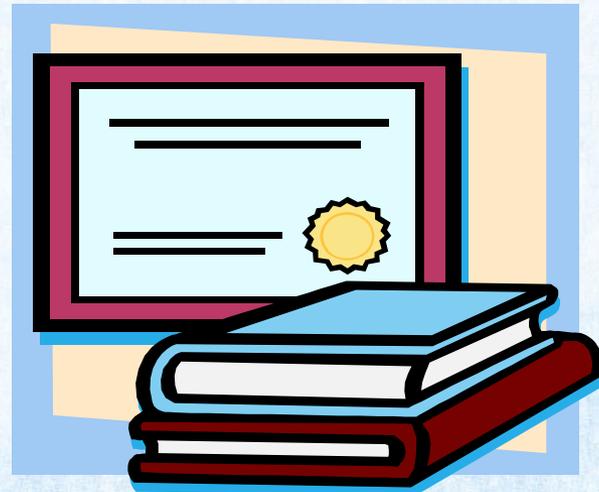
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Materials and Agenda

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

CHS Counseling Junior Advisement

- *Junior Classroom Guidance – November 1, 2,
in US History classes
- *Junior Conferences, November – April



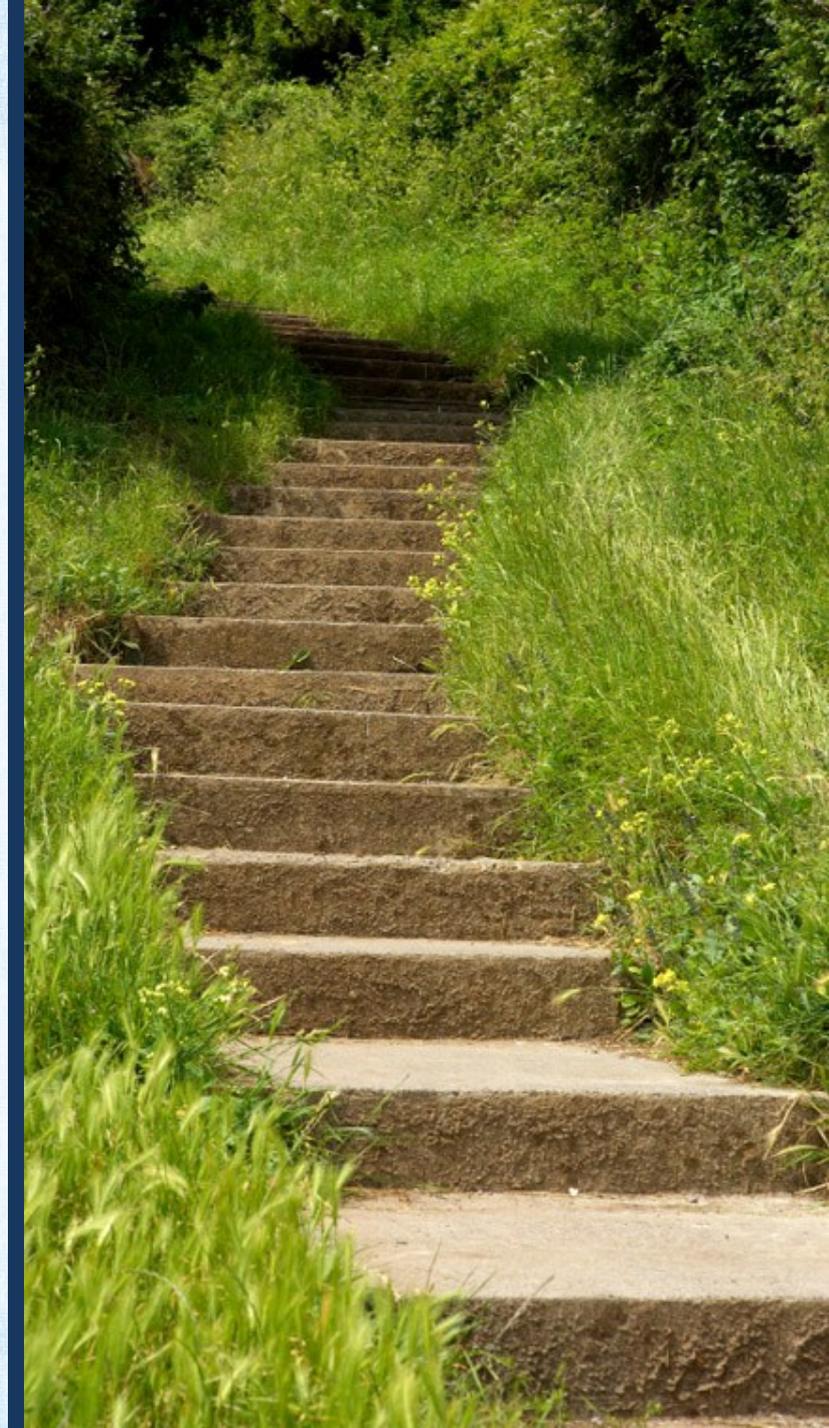
What Kind Of a Parent Are You?



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
and Weaknesses
- Interests
- Your Standout Talents



Know Yourself

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



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

Types of Colleges

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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 \$2,700/year—public	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High School Diploma• SAT / ACT optional• COMPASS / ASSET typically required

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



Other Factors

- ethnicity
- student body size
- city size
- private/public
- religious affiliation
- student body type
- athletics
- special services

Choosing Your College Priorities

Factors:

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



Choosing Your College Priorities

Discovering Options:

- Websites
- Catalogs / Videos (Virtual)
- 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

How to Apply

- Early Action- apply to a college by a certain date and get a response early. Academics may be stressed more.
- Regular Application – Apply by the deadline. Usually hear in the spring.
- Early Decision – binding, only one college choice.

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

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



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)
 - PROFILE
 - Institutional



Financing Your Education

- Community / Organization Scholarships
 - Family Employers and Affiliations
 - Scholarship Announcements/Postings
 - CHS Counseling Website
 - Other Websites (Examples)
 - www.gacollege411.com
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.scholarshipexperts.com
 - 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 www.Gacollege411)

- 3.0 GPA (Grades 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 (Legislature)
- 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+ Critical Reading) or 26 ACT (Composite, single administration)

- Be the HS Val or Sal

- Maintain 3.3 in college

- \$4000 /yr for 15 hours at Private Colleges (% determined by Legislature)

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 Grant

- 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

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

NCAA Eligibility Center

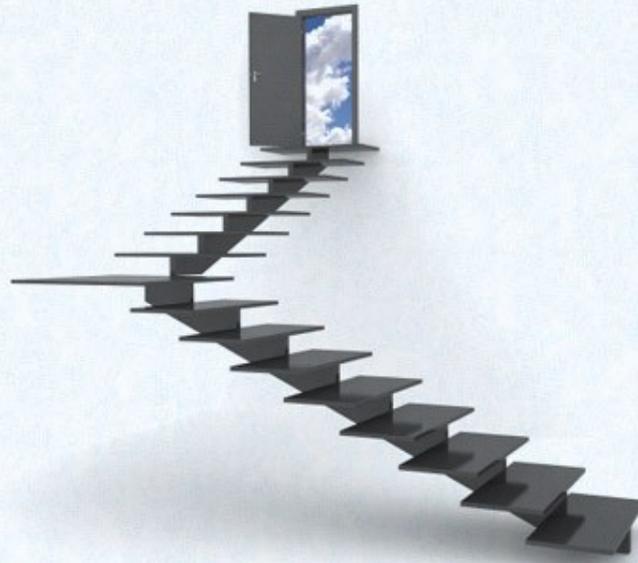
- **DIVISION I – 16 CORE COURSES**
- **DIVISION II – 16 CORE COURSES***
- **SLIDING SCALE OF SAT/ACT + GPA = ELIGIBILITY**
- **TRANSCRIPT SHOULD BE SENT TO NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE AFTER 11TH GRADE**
- **RECOVERY COURSES**
- **WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG**

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

November 28, 2012

6:30PM

AUDITORIUM



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

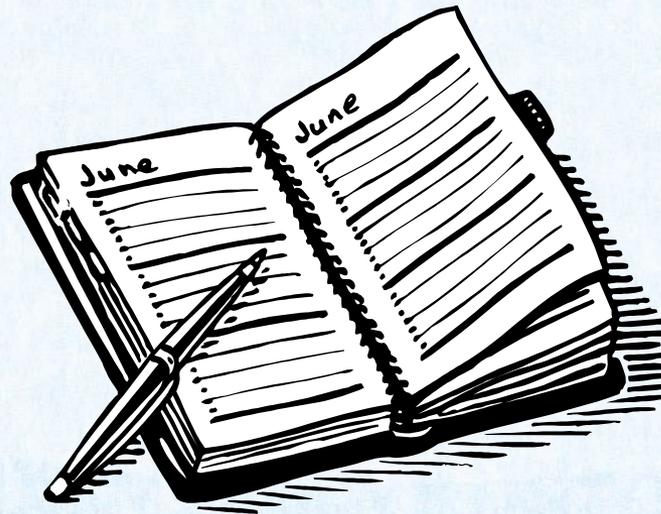
- ✓ Prepare for and register for ACT / SAT tests as appropriate
- ✓ Take GHSGT and AP tests as appropriate

College Exploration

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

Important Dates

- 2012-13 Dates For Juniors (hand out)
- College Planning Calendar



RESOURCES

Tonight's Presentation May Be Found
Online at

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
- GACollege411.org
- My College QuickStart (PSAT Score Report)

RESOURCES

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.actstudent.org
- www.cappex.com
- 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

More Resources

- [Recommended College Guidebooks](#)
- Looking for college information, “insider advice” or assistance with scholarships, test prep, essays and applications? Check out these popular and well-regarded college guidebooks:
- [Books for the College Bound – InLikeMe & Amazon](#)
- [Fiske Guide to Colleges 2013, 29E](#)
- [Rugg’s Recommendations on the College, 27th Edition \(Rugg’s Recommendations on the Colleges\)](#)
- [The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking for the Right School at the Right Price](#)
- [The Best 376 Colleges, 2012 Edition \(College Admissions Guides\)](#)
- [The College Hook: Packaging Yourself to Win the College Admissions Game](#)
- [Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges \(Barron’s Guide to the Most Competitive Colleges\)](#)
- [The Insider’s Guide to the Colleges, 2012: Students on Campus Tell You What You Really Want to Know, 38th Edition](#)
- [College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy](#)
- [Winning the College Admission Game: Strategies for Parents & Students](#)
- [U.S. News Ultimate College Guide \(US News Ultimate College Guide\)](#)
- [The Complete Book of Colleges, 2012 Edition \(College Admissions Guides\)](#)
- [Fiske Guide to Getting Into the Right College, 3E](#)
- [Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College](#)
- [Looking Beyond the Ivy League: Finding the College That’s Right for You](#)
- [College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best School for You](#)

More Resources

- [The College Finder: Choose the School That's Right for You!](#)
- [The New Rules of College Admissions: Ten Former Admissions Officers Reveal What it Takes to Get Into College Today \(Fireside Books \(Fireside\)\)](#)
- [Book of Majors 2013: All-New Seventh Edition \(College Board Book of Majors\)](#)
- [Colleges That Change Lives \(Loren Pope\)](#)
- [A Is for Admission \(Michele Hernandez\)](#)
- [Winning the College Admission Game: Strategies for Parents & Students \(Peter Van Buskirk\)](#)
- [The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College](#)
- Source: InLike Me

**Thank you for attending
tonight!**

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