

Competition stress DEADLINES  
College  
Admission career  
resume Potential Application  
Qualifications Help!

## CHS Class of 2015 Senior Parent Night

Thursday, August 28, 2014

Centennial HS Counseling

Shellie Caplinger



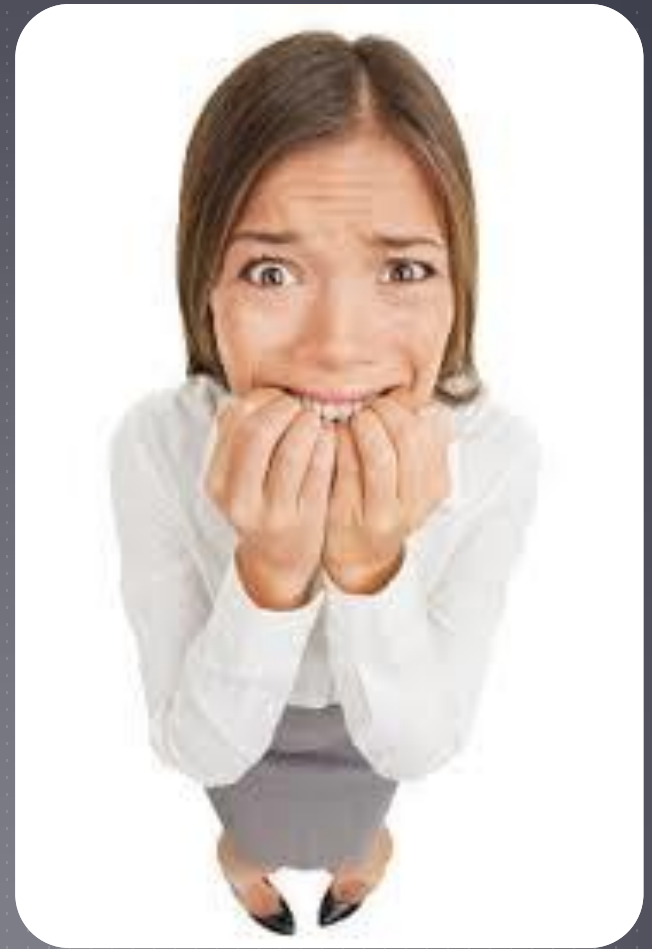
**What burning question do you have  
about the college application process?**

~Write it on the notecard and turn it in~

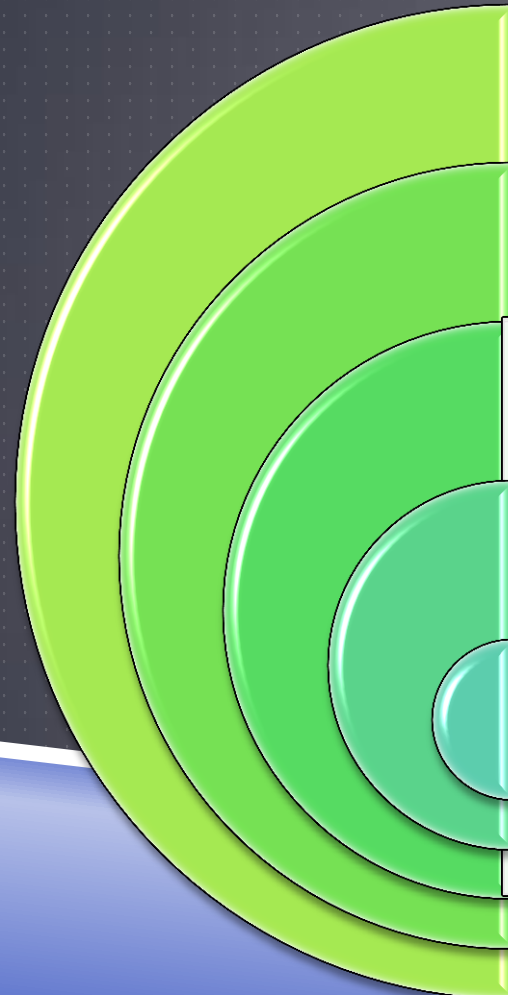
# Question...

**What fears do you have  
about your child applying  
to college?**

**On a scale of 1-10  
rank your  
level of anxiety  
(10 being the most anxious)**



# THE CLASS OF 2015 HAS RECEIVED INSTRUCTION AND RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR SENIOR YEAR & THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



Freshman Classroom Guidance (4 parts)
Sophomore Classroom Guidance (2 parts)
Junior Classroom Guidance (3 parts)
Junior Advisement
Senior Blitz

# Overcoming the Fears About College... One Step at a Time

1. Applications
2. Transcripts
3. Letters of Recommendation
4. SAT/ACT scores
5. Essay
6. Track Your Progress



Step 1:

# THE ONLINE APPLICATION



# KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!!!

MEETING YOUR DEADLINE = ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED

## Early Decision

- **Binding** (Cannot Apply to Other Colleges)
- Emory: Nov 1 deadline/Dec 15 notification

## Early Action

- **Not Binding**
- UGA and GA Tech: Oct 15 deadline/Dec 15 notification
- If Deferred, student can reapply under Regular Decision

## Regular Decision

- **Not Binding**
- UGA: Jan 15 deadline/Apr 1 notification
- GA Tech: Jan 10 deadline/Mar 9 notification

## Rolling Admissions

- Review of application is on-going
- Kennesaw State: May 8 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**

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY



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# Application Form

## Completing the Application

- **Personal Data**  
(address, citizenship, demographic info)
- **Education** (schools you attended)
- **Test Info**
- **Family History**
- **Extracurricular Activities**
- **Academic Honors**
- **Work Experience**
- **Essay/Personal Statement**
- **Digital Signature**



**Helpful  
Tips**

# FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

**Print out a  
hardcopy to  
fill out as a  
rough draft**

**Have all info you  
need on hand**

- resume
- list of school & community activities
- contact info for letters of recommendations
- family/parent history

**Save your  
work as  
you go**

**Include  
Application  
Fee**

**Check  
Spelling and  
Grammar!!!**

**SUBMIT!**

Step 2:

# OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS



# WWW.PARCHMENT.COM

Online portal to submit orders to send your official transcript to...

- Colleges
- NCAA Clearinghouse
- Scholarships
- Military
- Employers
- Yourself

Pick up your assigned registration code in the counseling office to get started!

## Parchment.com

The simple online way to **Request, Send, and Store Transcripts.**

Including powerful tools to research colleges and find the right fit for you.

### Request & Send Transcripts

#### Step 1: Log in or Register



1. Sign in at [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com)
2. Click **Sign Up** to log in or register your account

#### Step 2: Add your school to your Profile



1. Click Get Started
2. Add your High School

#### Step 3: Provide Consent



1. Complete the waiver form.
2. Complete the Transcript Authorization form by entering a Registration Code, or eSigning the form

#### Step 4: Add Destinations



1. Select Destinations such as colleges, NCAA, Common Application, or yourself
2. Review Destinations

#### Step 5: Payment



1. Provide debit/credit card payment if there are any fees

#### Step 6: Track Order



1. The status of your request will be emailed and updated in your Parchment.com Account

# WHEN REQUESTING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS...



Requests must be made a minimum of 10 school days before deadline



It is YOUR responsibility to follow up with the college to make sure transcript was received



A hard copy of an official transcript from the counseling office will cost \$3  
(we will not provide postage)



Step 3:

# TEST SCORES



# ENTRANCE EXAMS: SAT, ACT & COMPASS

## **SAT** (The College Board) & **ACT** (ACT Student)

- Create your account
- Register for test  
(select date, location, make payment)
- Receive test scores
- Send scores to selected colleges  
(before and/or after exam)



## **COMPASS Test**

- Placement test accepted at most 2 year colleges
- Given free of charge at the college

# *I haven't tested yet...can I still apply?*

## Still Need to Test?

*Register for a test in the fall*

## Need to boost your score?

*Test Prep Classes*

*Free Online Tutorials*

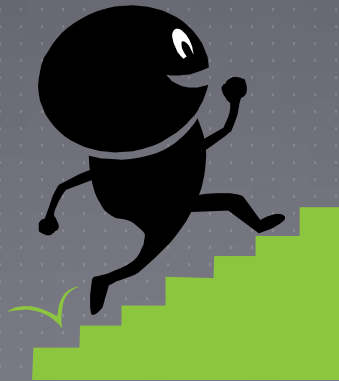
*Practice Tests*

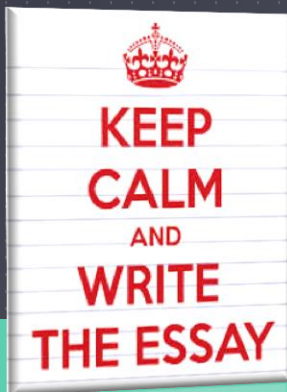
**Applications are incomplete  
until EVERYTHING has  
received by the college.**



Step 4

# THE ESSAY





# THE COLLEGE APPLICATION ESSAY

## Tips

Select the Best Topic & Subject for you

Answer the Question

Skip the Volunteer Trip

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

Step 5

CLASS RANK







## 100 pt Scale vs. 4.0 Scale

**80.66**

GPA on a  
100pt scale

Course Grades
81
82
80
70
90
81
3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

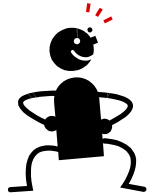
Course Grade
89
88
89
87
89
89
3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

**88.5**

GPA on a 100pt  
scale

# Why an 80 GPA $\neq$ a 3.0 GPA

Student #1



Class Grade	Converted to 4.0 Scale
88	3
71	2
80	3
67	0
89	3
85	3
<b>80.0</b> GPA on a 100pt scale	<b>2.33</b> GPA on a 4.0 scale

Student #2



Class Grade	Converted to 4.0 Scale
85	3
77	2
79	2
75	2
81	3
83	3
<b>80.0</b> GPA on a 100pt scale	<b>2.50</b> GPA on a 4.0 scale

Student #3



Class Grade	Converted to 4.0 Scale
83	3
92	4
74	2
80	3
81	3
70	2
<b>80.0</b> GPA on a 100pt scale	<b>2.83</b> GPA on a 4.0 scale



## Class Rank

Ranking of all Seniors by overall Numeric Grade Average

100 pt scale

Includes all attempted  
HS courses

Includes honors points



If you need your class rank for an application or scholarship email you counselor after Labor Day.

Step 6

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



# WHAT COLLEGES WANT IN A LETTER OF REC



# REQUESTING A LETTER OF REC FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

## *Submit Recommendation Request in the Counseling Office*

- ▶ Submit your counselor's name & email into your online application
- ▶ Fill out Recommendation Request card
- ▶ Attach Senior Profile (both Student and Parent portions)

**Minimum of 10 School Days in Advance**

**WE WILL NOT COMPLETE A RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT A WRITTEN REQUEST**

Name: _____				<b>CLASS OF 2015</b>			
Email: _____							
<b>Letter of Recommendation Request</b>							
Senior Profile Turned in? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
Today's Date	Name of College or Scholarship	Deadline	Recommendation Form Sent to Counselor Via:				Counselor Completed
			Common App	Send Edu	College Admission Webpage	Other (specify) <small>If only available in paper form, attached copy to card</small>	

**ALL REQUESTS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 10 SCHOOL DAYS PRIOR TO DEADLINE!!!**





## Other Recommendation Writers

- Teachers, Coaches/Club Sponsors, Mentors, Administrators, etc.
- Ask the person first
- Provide copy of senior profile
- Minimum of 10 School Days in Advance
- Submit recommenders name & email into online application

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

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### Welcome to Centennial Counseling's Website!

Posted by **admin**

July 12, 2011



Thank you for visiting Centennial's School Counseling website. Our goal is for our website to be a valuable and relevant resource for Centennial students, parents, teachers, and community members. We strongly encourage you to continue visiting this site and take advantage of the information provided.

### UPCOMING EVENT: Class of 2015 SENIOR PARENT NIGHT (Thursday, August 28)

The CHS Counseling Department will present Senior Parent Night on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30pm in the CHS Auditorium. Senior Parents will receive information about the college application process, including transcript requests, letters of recommendation, and college campus visits. Parents will be equipped with the knowledge and resources which will enable them to support their senior through the completion and submission of college applications and prepare for the transition into their chosen post-secondary education.

### Centennial HS Process for Students Requesting a Schedule Change (add/drop)

The Schedule Change Request Add/Drop Period has closed. The Final Deadline to have submitted a Schedule Change Request form was Friday, August 22 at 4:00pm.

### New Student Enrollments for the 2014-2015 School Year

Are you a new student transferring to Centennial for the 2014-2015 school year? For information about our upcoming enrollment events, click on the Transfer Student Information link on the right hand tool

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# CLASS OF 2015 REMIND 101: REGISTER NOW!

How to sign up for CHS Counseling's  
Class of 2015 messages:

remind101

To receive messages via text, text  
**@knights15** to (678) 293-7124. You  
can opt-out of messages at anytime  
by replying, 'unsubscribe  
**@knights15**'.



\*Standard text message rates apply.

Or to receive messages via email, send  
an email to  
**knights15@mail.remind101.com**. To  
unsubscribe, reply with 'unsubscribe' in  
the subject line.

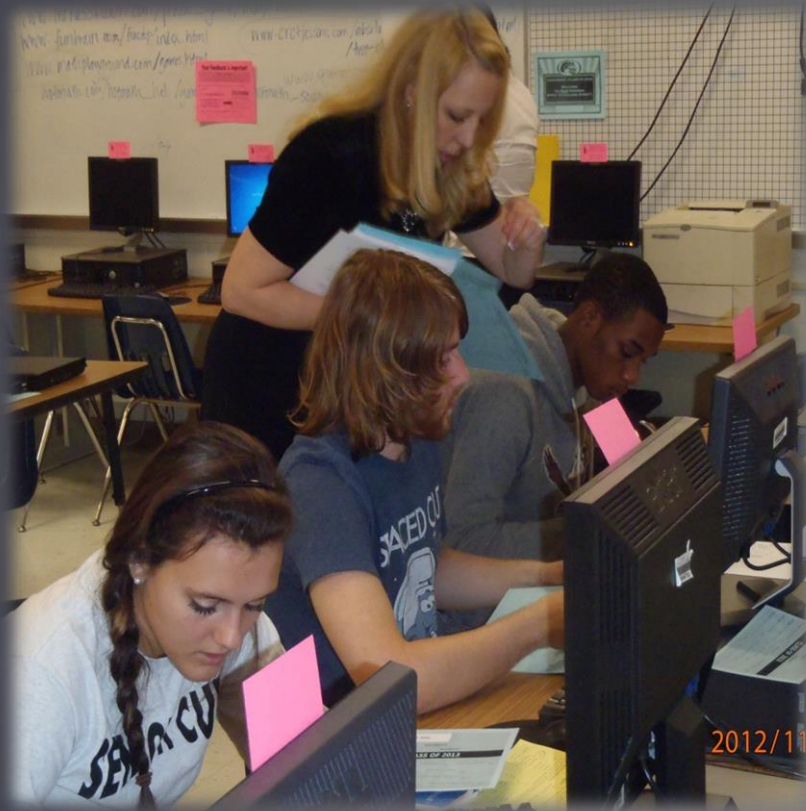


# 2014 COLLEGE WEEK: NOV 3-7

## Centennial's Apply to College Day

Thursday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

All Senior English Classes



## College Week Events of Special Interest to Seniors

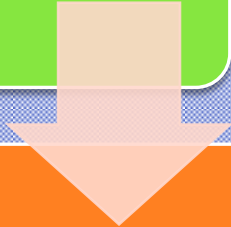
- ▶ Military Service Panel
- ▶ Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- ▶ College Disability Services Workshop
- ▶ Financial Aid Night
- ▶ NCAA Clearinghouse Seminar for Student Athletes
- ▶ CHS Alumni Panel

# WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP??

## Finalizing Your List of Colleges?

- College Reps
  - College Campus Visits
  - College Fairs
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## Preparing to Apply?

- Fill in College Application Checklist for each college
  - Create a timeline to complete each required component
  - Follow up on any areas you have not started yet
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## Ready to Get Started?

- Designate time to complete application
- Submit each separate application requirement
- After you submit, monitor your application status
- Contact the college's office of admissions w/application status questions

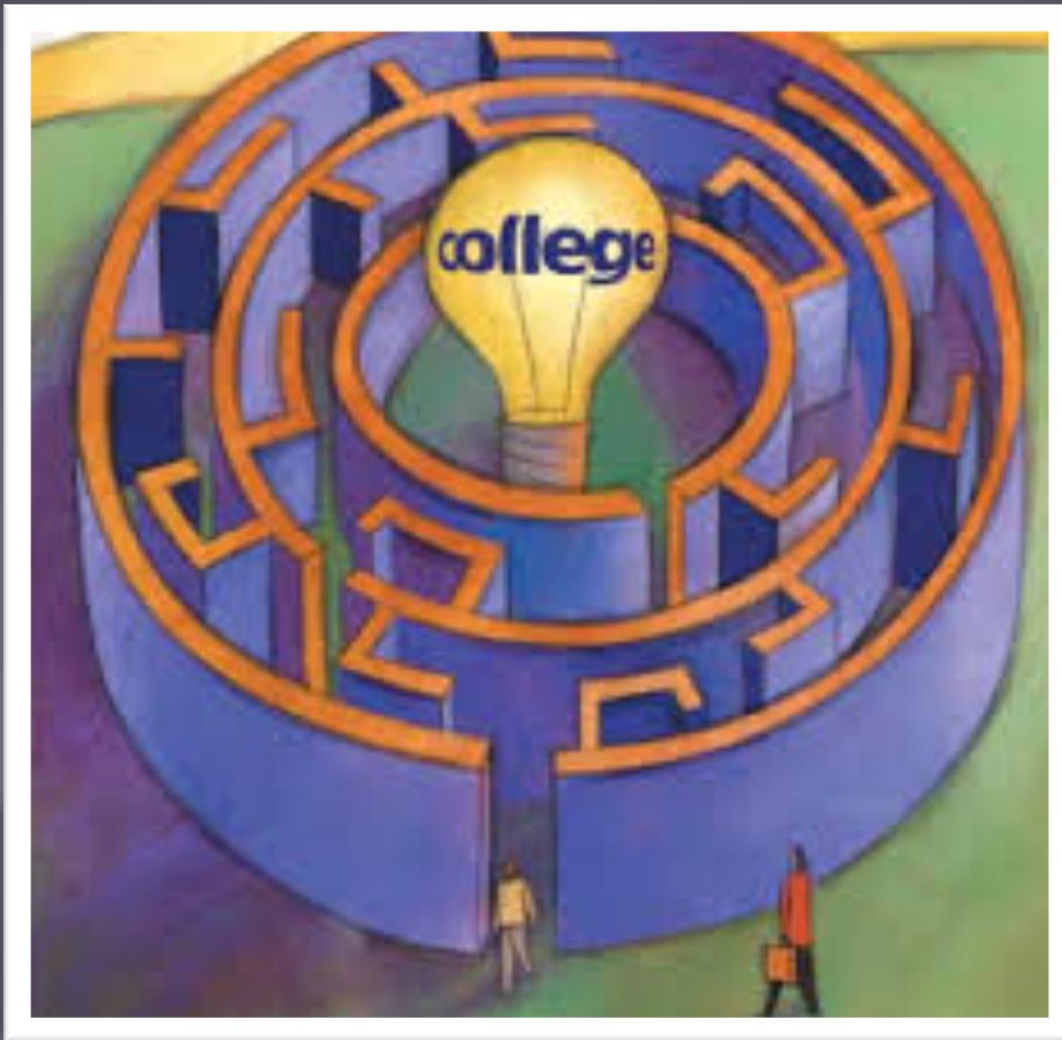




# Questions?



CHECKING IN:  
HOW WOULD YOU RANK YOUR ANXIETY RIGHT NOW?



# CENTENNIAL SCHOOL COUNSELING



**A-Ct:**  
Michael  
Absher



**McH-Sanc:**  
Melissa  
Freeman



**Cu-G:**  
Shellie  
Caplinger



**Sand-Z:**  
Hella  
Peart



**H-McG:**  
Anne  
Davis



**Grad Coach:**  
Maria  
Jiram



**We are looking forward to a great year!**