

CAMPBELL HIGH SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) ACT (American College Test): This year you will be expected to take either the SAT or ACT. It is strongly recommended that students take courses to prepare you for these exams. Registration Packets are available in the Counseling Office. You can also register online at: www.collegeboard.org (SAT) and www.act.org (ACT). The Collegeboard website provides SAT “questions of the day” every day for students. The cost for the SAT is **\$47.50** (no essay) & **\$64.50** (w/essay) and the cost for the ACT is **\$50.50**(no writing) & **\$67.00** (w/writing). Please be sure to include **our school code (112-745)** on your registration form, so that Campbell High School will get a copy of your scores.

When registering online for the SAT/ACT test, Campbell’s school code is: **112745**

- Arrange to have your SAT and/or ACT scores sent to each college. **We do NOT send SAT/ACT scores. They must be requested from College Board or ACT directly.**
- It is best to send your scores to the schools you are applying to when you are registering to take the test(s). You get 4 schools included in your price each time you take the test. You are responsible to pay for additional schools.

<u>SAT Dates:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>	<u>ACT Dates:</u>	<u>Register By:</u>
Nov. 3, 2018	Oct. 5, 2018	Dec. 8, 2018	Nov. 2, 2018
Dec. 1, 2018	Nov. 2, 2018	Feb. 9, 2019	Jan. 11, 2019
Mar. 9, 2019	Feb 8, 2019	Apr. 13, 2019	Mar. 8, 2019
May 4, 2019	Apr. 5, 2019	June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019
www.collegeboard.org		www.actstudent.org	

Test Waivers: If you are on free or reduced lunch, you are eligible to receive **2 SAT** test waivers and **2 ACT** test waivers. As a senior, you will also receive college application fee waivers and your NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) application fee will be waived. **Please see your counselor for forms and more information.**

For Hundreds of free practice test across 95 plus subjects: Students can practice for SAT, ACT, AP subjects and more. Visit: www.varsitytutors.com/practice-tests

Georgia Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Programs: Dual –credit programs have been combined into one program entitled Move on When Ready, in which high school students may earn high college course credits while fulfilling high school requirements. Georgia's Move on When Ready dual-credit program is available to any Georgia Student in grades 9-12 enrolled in a public school, private school, or home-study environment. Student must be a minimum of 15 years of age prior to the first day of their college enrollment term. Under the new Move on When Ready dual-credit program; the tuition, mandatory fees, book fees, and non-course fees are waived. For more information, consult the dual enrollment counselor at jana.loftin@cobbk12.org or visit www.gsfc.org/

GAfutures: GAfutures offers many tools that will assist students in planning for college, information on careers, standardized testing preparation, HOPE scholarship options, colleges, and saving/paying for college. Students can also apply to Georgia colleges, apply for scholarships, and send transcripts to colleges through gafutures.org

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) If you wish to participate in NCAA Division I or II athletics, you need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. You need to qualify academically and you need to be cleared as an amateur student-athlete. To register, go to www.ncaaclearinghouse.net the beginning of your junior year. A copy of your transcript must also be sent. Transcript release forms that must be signed by parents are available in the school counseling office. During your senior year, you will need to log back in to the NCAA clearinghouse website to update any new information and to request your final amateurism certification. Please see **Mrs. Jackson** in the counseling department if you have any questions.

Stokes & Koptisky Scholarship: Every year Stokes & Koptisky offer a \$1000 scholarship to one lucky student that lives and attends school in Cobb County. Students must submit a 1,000-2,000 word essay on the Dangers of Drunk Driving. To apply, you must download the application. It can be found www.stokesinjurylawyers.com/scholarship. You must then fill out the application and submit both the application and the essay together at www.stokeskopitsky.com/scholarship. The deadline to submit the application is **March 31, 2019**.

College Board Opportunity Scholarship is a new scholarship opportunity for juniors. It will guide you through the college planning process and offer you a chance to earn money for college for each action you complete. Complete each action for a chance to earn scholarships-money for college! To register www.cb.org/opportunity

Atlanta National College Fair is a 1-day event held on **Sunday, March 03, 2019** from **(12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.)** at the Georgia International Convention Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This event displays products like mass communication, media, Animation & gaming, fashion, graphic & interior designing, retail and more. This event will be held at the Georgia International Convention Center 2000 Convention Center Concourse Atlanta, GA 30337 in Exhibit Halls ABC. To register, copy and paste the link to your browser:
<http://www.gotomyncf.com/registration/eventselectforstate?statename=georgia>

Career Cruising: Career Cruising is a program that is available to all students at Campbell High School. This program is designed to provide information on hundreds of careers. It also includes an interest inventory survey that will help you find careers that match your interests to access Career Cruising, go to www.careercruising.com and enter your unique user name and password that was provided to you by your counselor. You can also send your transcript through career cruising. If you need this information, please sign up to see your counselor.

College/Career/Scholarship Websites:

www.collegeprep101.com
www.collegeanswerguy.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com
www.gacollege411.org

Questbridge College Prep Scholarship: Questbridge prepares students the opportunity to gain admission and full scholarships to top-tier colleges. Students have the opportunity to receive a full scholarship to one of the nation's best colleges. One of the eligibility requirements includes an academic GPA of 3.5 or higher in rigor courses. For more information visit www.questbridge.org

Surviving Your College Search: If those words make you instantly nervous, you are not alone. Many students feel overwhelmed at the beginning of their college search. After all, you will be making perhaps the biggest decision of your life so far. No pressure there! To make your college search a little less intimidating, here are some strategies for getting started and a preview of what to expect.

- Students should research **3-5** colleges; one where you are likely to be accepted, one that is your target school, and one that would be a “reach” or challenge and one that is a safe school. A more detailed explanation of a Target, Reach and Safe school is outlined below under “How do I Choose the school that is Right for me.” Use your junior year to research, research and research some more.

College Planning Checklist: Where do I start?

11th grade Spring semester

- ☐ Study for the SAT and/or ACT
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 - Study for the SAT and/or ACT or ACCUPLACER
 - Take the SAT and/or ACT or the ACCUPLACER test (contact college to schedule)
- ☐ Begin researching 4-year colleges that match your needs/wants
 - Sign up for the Career Center for help
- ☐ Make the list of 5-6 schools that you will apply to
 - 1 reach school
 - 2-3 target schools
 - 1-2 likely schools

Summer before 12th grade

- ☐ Visit colleges of interest if possible
- ☐ Search and begin applying for private scholarships
 - Use websites like www.fastweb.com and www.schoolsoup.com
- ☐ Take or retake the SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests
- ☐ Begin writing your college essay or personal statement
- ☐ Create an activities sheet for your college applications
- ☐ If you plan to play Division I/II sports in college, complete the NCAA application
 - Visit www.ncaaclearinghouse.org

12th grade

- ☐ Make sure you are registered for the courses you need for graduation
- ☐ Take or re-take the SAT, ACT and/or SAT Subject Tests if necessary
- ☐ Meet with college representatives when they visit CHS (sign up in the Counseling Office-Room 608)
- ☐ Finish your college essay and have 2-3 people proofread it
- ☐ Obtain applications and apply to colleges

Order official transcripts to be sent to colleges (Mrs. Askew in the Counseling office – Room 608-cost is \$2.00 per transcript) or email it through gafutures.org at no charge to student

- ☐ Submit ACT, SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests scores to colleges
- ☐ Request recommendation letters from teachers or your school counselor (if this is required by the college)
 - Request recommendations **at least 2 weeks** before they are due to the college (not including holidays when school is not in session).
- ☐ Attend the Financial Aid Workshop here at CHS in the fall (typically in October)
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA after October 1st (the previous years' taxes can be used)
 - Go to www.fafsa.gov
- ☐ Continue searching and applying for private scholarships
 - Search online at home or in the Career Center and check the Scholarship Newsletter (on Campbell High School webpage)
- ☐ Sign up for the Career Center for help
- ☐ Maintain good grades!
- ☐ Submit a deposit to the college of your choice by the college deadline (waivers are available for students who have free or reduced lunch.
- ☐ Submit a final official transcript to your college in May (Mrs. Askew in the Counseling office – Room 608)

How do I Choose the College that is Right for Me?

1. Decide on the basics:

- Location – in state, out of state, or both
- Cost – public colleges are less expensive than private colleges and in-state colleges are usually less expensive than out of state colleges
- Admission requirements – GPA and standardized test scores (ACT/SAT) and check out the admission requirements of last year's incoming freshman class at www.collegeboard.org (also see the College Snapshots page in this packet)
- College environment – Urban, Suburban, Rural
- Size of the college – small, medium or large
- Majors offered – does the college offer the major you are considering? If you are undecided, it is a good idea to attend a college where there are many majors to choose from.
- Sports & activities offered – Sororities/Fraternities, certain division of athletics, clubs/organizations

2. Search for colleges using the criteria you've decided on from above:

- Visit the Career Center
- Use websites such as – www.careercruising.com , www.gafutures.org, www.collegeboard.org, www.petersons.com

3. Do more in-depth research on colleges that match your criteria:

- Search the college website
- Visit the campus – take a tour and go to an information session
- Speak with alumni or college representatives

4. Select 3-5 colleges that you plan to apply to

- 1 reach school – the majority of last year’s incoming freshman class at the college had a GPA and SAT/ACT scores **above** your own
- 2-3 target schools – the majority of last year’s incoming freshman class at the college had a GPA and SAT/ACT scores that **match** your own
- 1-2 likely (Safe) schools – the majority of last year’s incoming freshman class at the college had a GPA and SAT/ACT scores **below** your own
- You must be willing to attend ALL the schools in which you apply!

Application Options

Regular Decision: deadlines are usually in January or February and the student is notified of acceptance or denial typically in late March.

Rolling Admission: once a student has submitted all of the required documents, the college will notify them of acceptance or denial about six weeks later. Admission decisions can be made anytime during the senior year, but there will be an application deadline at some point in order to make fall enrollment.

Early Action: deadlines are usually in October or November and the student is notified of acceptance, denial, or deferral by December. Acceptance is not binding and the student still has until May 1st of your senior year to make a final decision.

Early Decision: deadlines are usually before mid-January and a student can only apply to one college for Early Decision. If a student applies and is accepted to a college by Early Decision, the student **MUST** attend the school and withdraw all other college applications they may have submitted to other schools.

Restrictive Early Action: This is very similar to Early Decision but it is for Private Schools, mostly Ivy Leagues. You can only apply early to *one* Ivy yet it is not binding (you do not have to attend if you are accepted). You are allowed to apply early to Public institutions.

Start your college search now! Your senior year is just around the corner!

