



JUNIOR/SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
NORTH SPRINGS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

September 26, 2017 6:00



TONIGHT, WE WILL DISCUSS...

Meet the NSCHS Counseling Staff

Overview of Junior and Senior Years

Graduation requirements

Testing

Postsecondary Planning

HOPE Scholarship

Financial Aid

Resources

NSCHS COUNSELING STAFF

Dr. Genoulia Johnson, Head Counselor (A to Da)

Mr. Mark Ellis, Counselor (De to Ka)

Ms. Ava Butler, Counselor (Ke to Reg)

Ms. Stacey Foney, Counselor (Reh to Z)

Ms. Felicia Lewis, College and Career Center Coordinator, Magnet Coordinator

Ms. Maia Smith, Social Worker

Ms. Melanie Blinder, School Psychologist

Ms. Andrea Rocha, Bilingual Liaison

Ms. Lori Bryan, Registrar

MRS. FELICIA LEWIS, M.ED. COLLEGE ADVISOR AND MAGNET CO-CHAIR

Stay informed with College/Career/Counseling messages

- Message @fac622
- Number: 81010

Magnet Status meetings

- Seniors—Sept 25 to Oct 27
- Juniors—Nov 6 to Dec 15

MR. JAMES LANDREAU SENIOR SPONSOR AND MAGNET CO-CHAIR

Upcoming Senior hot dates

General info for senior class

FOCUS POINTS FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS

JUNIOR YEAR

Strong academic courses and grades

Continued involvement in extracurricular activities

Preparing for Senior Year

Making postsecondary plans

College admissions testing

Polishing up what's in your student resume

SENIOR YEAR

Strong academics both semesters

Complete college applications

Complete financial aid applications

Apply for scholarships

Request recommendations

Manage your time and priorities



PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Must have at least 19 units to be promoted into a Senior homeroom

Must have at least 23 units to graduate

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 units
Math	4 units
Science	4 units
Social Studies	3 units
Wld Lg/Career/Fine Arts	3 units
PE/Health	1 unit
Electives	7 units for NSCHS; 4 units for GA
TOTAL	26 units for NSCHS; 23 units for GA



TESTING

GA Milestones

PSAT

SAT

SAT Subject Tests

ACT

AP Exams

ASVAB



GEORGIA MILESTONE

English: 9th grade Literature, 11th grade American Literature

Math: Algebra I, Geometry

Science: Biology, Physical Science

Social Studies: US History, Economics

20% of Final Grade

SAT/ACT

Recommended to begin taking during Junior Year once or twice

- Retake at beginning of Senior Year, if necessary

Cost of SAT: \$46 (no essay), \$60 (with essay)

Cost of ACT: \$46 (no writing) \$62.50 (with writing)

Fee Waivers available if student receives free or reduced lunch

- 2 SAT, 2 ACT, 4 College application waivers
- Provided by Ms. Lewis in College and Career center during 5th period

Send 4 free score reports at time of registration

SAT ADMINISTRATION DATES

October 7 th	Deadline has passed for on-time registration
November 4 th	Deadline: October 5 th
December 2 nd	Deadline: November 2 nd
March 10 th	Deadline: February 9 th
May 5 th	Deadline: April 6 th
June 2 nd	Deadline: May 3 rd

Register at www.collegeboard.org

ACT ADMINISTRATION DATES

October 28th

Deadline has passed for on-time registration

December 9th

Deadline: November 3rd

February 10th

Deadline: January 12th

April 14th

Deadline: March 9th

June 9th

Deadline: May 4th

July 14th

Deadline: June 15th

Register at www.actstudent.org

TEST PREPARATION FOR SAT/ACT

Test sites

- www.collegeboard.org Partnership with Khan Academy
- www.actstudent.org

Apps

Test prep classes

- Private companies
- North Springs

Books



POSTSECONDARY PLANNING

4 year College

2 year college

Technical college

Military

Work

Gap Year

RESEARCHING COLLEGES

What to consider

- Location
- Selectivity
- Setting
- Programs
- Major
- Extracurriculars
- Services

Juniors—in research stage, you might have 15+ colleges on initial list

Seniors—in application stage, you should plan to apply to 5 to 7 colleges

- Safety college—back up
- Mid range college—admissions criteria match your gpa, test scores, etc
- Far reach—admissions criteria is slightly higher than your gpa, test scores, etc.

RESEARCHING COLLEGES

Helpful websites

- College Board www.collegeboard.org
- GA Futures www.gafutures.org
- GCIS www.gcic.peachnet.edu

Visit colleges

- Oct 11th—opportunity for seniors due to PSAT

Virtual college tours

College fairs

- North Springs/Riverwood College Night—Sept 28 6 to 8
- PROBE College Fair at Northpoint Mall—Oct 10 6 to 9 www.gaprobe.org for info on other college fairs



MOVE ON WHEN READY

Dual Enrollment program

How it works

How to get started

Info session coming in January

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

3.0 HOPE GPA (different than your North Springs GPA)

- Core classes taken in grades 9 to 12

Must meet Rigor Requirements

- Must have earned 4 credits
 - Advanced Math, Advanced Science, Foreign Language, AP in core areas, Dual Enrollment in core areas

Pays a portion of tuition at public college or university

Pays \$2,028 per semester at private college or university

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

Designated Valedictorian or Salutatorian OR

3.7 HOPE GPA

- Must meet Test component
 - 1200 SAT (Critical Reading/Math)
 - 26 ACT Composite

Rigor Requirements

Pays full tuition at public college or university

Pays \$2,240 per semester at private college or university

HOPE/ZELL MILLER GRANT

HOPE Grant--Pays a portion of tuition at a technical college (i.e. Gwinnett Tech)

Zell Miller Grant—Pays full tuition at a technical college

Must be enrolled in a diploma or certificate program

No GPA minimum required to receive grant

- Must maintain a 2.0 to remain eligible for HOPE Grant
- Must maintain a 3.5 to remain eligible for Zell Miller Grant

HOPE/ZELL MILLER PROGRAMS AND SSN

IT IS CRITICAL THAT STUDENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS PROVIDED IN NORTH SPRINGS STUDENT PROFILE

NO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN SYSTEM = NO HOPE OR ZELL MILLER DESPITE YOUR GPA

Seniors, your counselor will verify that we have your SSN during your senior conference

RESOURCES FOR FINANCING COLLEGE

FAFSA available beginning October 1st

- FREE Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete application for 2018-2019 school year
- Workshop available at College Night on Thursday Sept 28

Georgia Student Finance Commission

- www.gsfc.org

Georgia Futures

- www.gafutures.org

North Springs website

- College and Career Center page
- Lots of scholarships listed

RECOMMENDATIONS AND TRANSCRIPTS

Allow a minimum of 10 school days

Provide a student resume and/or senior information sheet (available in counseling lobby)

Pay close attention to college deadlines

- To avoid last minute recommendation requests

Order transcripts through www.parchment.com

CONFERENCES WITH COUNSELORS

Senior conferences (Week of Sept 25 to end of October)

- Notifications given to students
- Review credits and schedule
- Discuss postsecondary plans

Junior conferences (November and December)

- Notifications will be mailed home
- Review credits
- Discuss courses for senior year
- College planning reminders



ANY QUESTIONS?

Thank you for coming and Have a great evening!