



Senior Parent Night North Springs Charter High School

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 6:30

Tonight, we will discuss...

- ▶ Meet the Senior Counselors
- ▶ Overview of Senior Year
- ▶ Graduation requirements
- ▶ Testing
- ▶ Postsecondary Planning
- ▶ HOPE Scholarship
- ▶ Financial Aid
- ▶ Resources

About Dr. Genoulia Johnson (A – Gak)

- ▶ B.S. in Sociology with emphasis in Social Work from University of West Georgia
- ▶ M.S. in School Counseling from Jacksonville State University
- ▶ Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from University of Sarasota
- ▶ Ed.D in Educational Leadership from Argosy University
- ▶ 20 years of school counseling experience
- ▶ One of the few originally from Atlanta!
- ▶ Favorite indulgence—crème brulee with fresh berries

About Ms. Ava Butler (Gal – New)

- ▶ B.S. in Psychology from City University of New York at Queens
- ▶ M.S. in Education from Long Island University
- ▶ Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from Argosy University
- ▶ 12 years of counseling experience in faith-based setting
- ▶ 19 years of school counseling experience in public school setting
- ▶ Originally from New York
- ▶ Favorite past time—cooking

About Ms. Stacey Foney (Nex – Z)


- ▶ B.A. in Sociology modified with History from Dartmouth College
- ▶ M.Ed. in School Counseling from University of Georgia
- ▶ Ed.S. in Educational Leadership from University of West Georgia
- ▶ 21 years of school counseling experience
- ▶ Originally from Cleveland, Ohio
- ▶ Favorite indulgence—ice cream

Important People to Know

- ▶ Mr. James Landreau, Senior Class Sponsor, Magnet Coordinator
- ▶ Ms. Kimberly Daniel, College and Career Center Advisor
- ▶ Ms. Andrea Rocha, Counseling Secretary
- ▶ Ms. Lori Bryan, Registrar
- ▶ Ms. Maia Smith, Social Worker
- ▶ Ms. Melanie Blinder, School Psychologist



Ms. Kimberly Daniel
College and Career Center Advisor



Mr. James Landreau
Senior Sponsor and Magnet Chair

Information from Senior Activities Committee

- ▶ Committee: Libby Hertz, Susan Minsk, Amy Coffsky, Lori English
- ▶ Planned activities
 - ▶ Ice Cream Truck, Senior Movie Night, Senior Olympics
 - ▶ Candy giveaways, Cookie Day, Graduation activities
- ▶ Donations needed and welcomed
 - ▶ Cash, checks made payable to Libby Hertz, or Venmo @Libby-Hertz
 - ▶ Can leave envelope with Ms. Pam at front desk labelled SENIOR ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
- ▶ Yard signs
 - ▶ \$35
 - ▶ Order forms available on school web site in the SENIORS ONLY SECTION

Priorities for Senior Year

- ▶ Strong academics both semesters
- ▶ Complete college applications
- ▶ Complete financial aid application(s)
- ▶ Apply for scholarships
- ▶ Request recommendations
- ▶ Manage your time and priorities
- ▶ Enjoy it!

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
- ▶ SAT
- ▶ SAT Subject Tests
- ▶ ACT
- ▶ AP Exams
- ▶ ASVAB

SAT/ACT

- ▶ Cost of SAT: \$47.50 (no essay), \$64.50 (with essay)
- ▶ Cost of ACT: \$50.50 (no writing) \$67.00 (with writing)
- ▶ Fee Waivers available if student receives free or reduced lunch
 - ▶ 2 SAT, 2 ACT, 4 College application waivers
 - ▶ Provided by Ms. Daniel in College and Career center 5th to 7th periods
- ▶ Send 4 free score reports at time of registration

SAT Administration Dates

- ▶ October 6th Deadline: September 26th for late registration
- ▶ November 3rd Deadline: October 5th
- ▶ December 1st Deadline: November 2nd

- ▶ Register at www.collegeboard.org

ACT Administration Dates

- ▶ October 27th Deadline: September 28th
- ▶ December 8th Deadline: November 2nd

- ▶ 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
- ▶ Extracurricular Activities
- ▶ Services

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
- ▶ Visit colleges
 - ▶ Oct 10th—opportunity to visit colleges due to PSAT
- ▶ Virtual college tours

North Springs/Riverwood College Night—Sept 27th 6 to 8

Recommendations and Transcripts

- ▶ Allow a minimum of 10 school days
- ▶ Provide a student resume and/or senior information sheet (available outside counseling office)
- ▶ Pay close attention to college deadlines
 - ▶ To avoid last minute recommendation requests
- ▶ Order transcripts through www.parchment.com

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 \$2,089 per semester at private college or university
- ▶ Can check preliminary HOPE GPA by setting up profile on Gafutures.org

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 \$2,308 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 INFORMATION SYSTEM
- ▶ NO SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IN SYSTEM = NO HOPE OR ZELL MILLER DESPITE YOUR GPA

Resources for Financing College

- ▶ FAFSA available beginning October 1st
 - ▶ FREE Application for Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - ▶ Complete application for 2019-2020 school year
 - ▶ Workshop available at College Night on Thursday Sept 27
- ▶ Georgia Student Finance Commission
 - ▶ www.gsfc.org
- ▶ Georgia Futures
 - ▶ www.gafutures.org
- ▶ North Springs website
 - ▶ College and Career Center page
 - ▶ Lots of scholarships listed

Timeline of Senior-related Counselor Tasks

First Semester

- ▶ Review of credit needs (July/Aug)
- ▶ Senior conferences (Sept/Oct)
- ▶ College fair (Sept)
- ▶ College application guidance (during conferences and as needed throughout year)
- ▶ GA College Application Week (Nov)
- ▶ Complete recommendations for college and scholarship applications (All year)
- ▶ Closely monitor and frequently meet with students at risk of not graduating (All year)

Second Semester

- ▶ Review final 1st semester grades (Jan)
- ▶ Make schedule adjustments, as necessary (Jan)
- ▶ Submit mid-year reports for college recommendations (Feb)
- ▶ Final Hurdle (Mar)
- ▶ Review final 2nd semester grades for graduation clearance (May)

Any Questions?

- ▶ Thank you for coming and Have a great evening!