

SENIOR STUDENT/PARENT MEETING AGENDA

Tom McFerrin, Principal

Senior Counselor Assignments

Sponsored By: Alethia Love, Head Counselor (T-Z) & (Hint-Imm)
Deanna deRoux (A - D) & (E-Fon)
Jonathan Hughes (J-M) & (For-Gra)
Lisa Gordon (N - S) & (Gre-Hine)

When: Thursday, August 31, 2017

Time: 6:00 P.M. Where: Auditorium

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. College Applications/Transcript Requests/Recommendations
2. Senior Resume - Required for Letters of Recommendations (See Handout)
3. Individual Senior Conferences (sign up for an appointment via Sign-Up Genius.)
4. Websites for College Entrance Exams: SAT@collegboard.org and ACT.org
5. Financial Aid
 - a. GAFutures.org
 - Website to apply to all colleges in Georgia
 - Website to apply for HOPE Scholarship or Hope Grant
 - Must have accurate Social Security Number
 - Must sign HOPE Form from DCSD
 - b. Free Federal Application for Student Aid (www.FAFSA.ed.gov)
6. Paul Siegel - Yearbook Advisor
 - a. Senior Ads (Full page \$350; Half page \$250; Quarter page \$150; 1/8th page \$75)
There is a \$25 upcharge for us to create your ad.
 - b. Yearbook Purchasing and Senior Ad Creation - Jostensyearbook.com
 - c. Senior Pictures (Cady Studios - Call 1-800-547-6237 for appt. or schedule online at <http://cadystudios.com/>)
7. Senior Class Sponsor - Anna Bilbao
 - a. Class Dues: \$120 (See Ms. Bilbao for payment plan)
 - b. Cap and Gown (Fee included in Class Dues)
 - c. Graduation Updates
8. PTSO Sponsors
 - Seniors Last Blast & Senior Week Updates
9. Look for "Senior Information" on our website under Quick Links

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- The counselors will be processing transcript & letter of recommendation requests September 5th thru Dec. 1st and Jan. 10th thru May 4th.
- The Counseling Office will not accept transcript requests after December 1st in order to meet college deadlines in January.

HOW TO START YOUR APPLICATION

- Applying online is the quickest and easiest way. To apply to Georgia Colleges and Universities, go to GAFutures.org.
- Remember to provide only what is requested on the application. Complete your application exactly as directed. Do not add information, recommendations, personal data sheet, etc. when it is not requested.
 1. If applying to a college or university in the state of Georgia, you may request an electronic transcript via GAFutures.org.
 2. For non-electronic transcript requests, you should provide an addressed, stamped envelope with your name only in the upper left corner of the envelope for identification purposes. Give this envelope to Ms. Davis in the counseling office.
 3. If requesting electronic transcripts for non-Georgia schools, please contact your counselor directly. (For example: Common Application)

COUNSELOR/TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

Always give your counselor/teacher the recommendation form 3 weeks prior to the school's application deadline.

- Counselor/Teacher recommendations are mailed separately from the application.
- You must provide your counselor/teacher with a college addressed/postage affixed envelope for mailing your recommendation unless an electronic option is available.

SAT and ACT SCORES

SAT & ACT scores must be sent to the college by the testing service. The scores are not printed on your transcript and we do not have copies of your scores to send to the college.

SENIOR UPCOMING DATES 2017-18

- **TRANSCRIPT & LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS**
Sept. 7th – Dec. 2nd and Jan. 9th - May 5th
The Counseling Office will not accept transcript requests after December 2nd in order to meet college deadlines. Remember to submit requests for transcripts and recommendations three weeks in advance.

- **COLLEGE TESTING:**

<u>SAT</u>	<u>TESTING DATE</u>	
Fee \$46.00	October 7	March 10
& Essay 60.00	November 4	May 5
	December 2	June 2

<u>ACT</u>	<u>TESTING DATE</u>		
Fee \$46.00	September 9	February 10	
& Writing \$62.50	October 28	April 14	
	December 9	June 9	July 14

SAT/ACT Fee Waivers available for qualifying students

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)

April 11, 2018 Dunwoody High School
8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Cafeteria

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FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS/WEBSITES

1. The Hope Scholarship Website is: GAFutures.org
GAFutures.org is where you can check your HOPE eligibility in the Spring and Summer.
 - DCSD submits transcripts at the end of February for preliminary evaluation.
 - DCSD submits final transcripts at the end of June for final eligibility.
 - A student must have a social security number to view HOPE.
2. FAFSA website is: www.FAFSA.ed.gov
3. Scholarships:
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.scholarships.com
 - www.freescholarship.com

FSA ID

The FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to fafsa.gov, the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS®) at www.nsls.ed.gov, StudentLoans.gov, StudentAid.gov, and Agreement to Serve (ATS) at www.teach-ats.ed.gov.



When logging in to one of the websites listed above, click the link to create an FSA ID.

Tip: Important: Only the owner of the FSA ID should create and use the account. Never share your FSA ID.

Create a username and password, and enter your e-mail address.

Enter your name, date of birth, Social Security number, contact information, and challenge questions and answers.

If you have a Federal Student Aid PIN, you will be able to enter it and link it to your FSA ID. You can still create an FSA ID if you have forgotten or do not have a PIN.

Review your information, and read and accept the terms and conditions.

Confirm your e-mail address using the secure code, which will be sent to the e-mail address you entered when you created your FSA ID. Once you verify your e-mail address, you can use it instead of your username to log in to the websites.

You can use your FSA ID to sign a FAFSA right away. Once the Social Security Administration verifies your information in one to three days, or if you have linked your PIN to your FSA ID, you will be able to use your FSA ID to access the websites listed above. For help, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.