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Senior Newsletter

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Dream, Dare, Do ...

College Planning for High School Seniors

Where are you headed after GRADUATION?

Not counting kindergarten, most of you are commencing your 12th year of school. It's your final year of high school, which is not only the time to celebrate your achievements, but build your resume and course schedule to show colleges and universities that you're a worthy candidate. All experiences, joys, and frustrations of growing up have converged to this point in your life when important decisions must be made.

There are many options open to you. As you set your goals and make your decisions, the more facts you have about yourself, the more likely you will be satisfied with your choices.

Take the time and explore the many options available to you. A few websites to aid in career options are:

www.anycollege.com

www.facts.org

Senior year is overwhelming for high school students, but staying organized will guarantee a solid finish, a good chance at your top choice college, and a year that you can look back on with satisfaction.



CLASS OF 2012
IT'S YOUR TIME!
September - October



- ▶ Request information and brochures from your top four target colleges if you haven't already.
- ▶ Schedule college campus visits to prospective schools and attend college recruiter visits to the school.
- ▶ Remember you are eligible for four fee application waivers based on free/reduced lunch status (**Note: the schools must accept the waivers**).
- ▶ Start applying for scholarships from private organizations. Check your Fast Web search results for new scholarships.
- ▶ Request letters of recommendation from teachers, advisors, and employers who know you best.
- ▶ Work on college application essays.

Why become a member?

fastweb
Membership is FREE!

JOIN TODAY

FAST WEB QUIZ!

What is **FREE** on Fast web?

- A) Money for college
- B) Scholarship search updated daily
- C) Financial Aid advice
- D) All of the above

FASTWEB – www.fastweb.com is the premier scholarship source in the world. Using their web crawler, they scour the internet searching out and recording scholarship information from the millions of sites on the web. **Start your scholarship search here. Read the privacy notice for added confidence in sharing personal information.**

Bright Futures Scholarship 2012! Changes!!!

Read the information carefully on award amounts and community service hours required. Handouts are available at Counselor Corner.



www.MyCollegeOptions.org

You could be missing out...

With the nation's premiere college matching service, resources written by experts on the college search process and one of the best SAT/ACT prep games in the country, My College Options is your key to preparing for life after high school.



How are you planning to pay for college?
Go to www.ultimatemoneyskills.com.
Create your family's college funding strategy.

Attention Seniors - Scholarship and Financial Assistance! During the Senior Workshops, scheduled for September 20-23 (AP Lit & English IV Classes), you will receive a booklet, Scholarship and Financial Assistance Opportunities for Education, Beyond High School. This book is produced annually by the Duval District Guidance Office. It is packed with information on Financial Aid, Grants, Loans, and **Scholarships (Local, State, and National)**. Take advantage of the opportunities/money available to you. **When it comes to scholarships, there are three words you need to remember:**

APPLY! APPLY! APPLY!

A WORD ABOUT TRANSCRIPTS...

- Transcripts can be sent electronically to state universities, state and community colleges.
- Complete the transcript request before school in guidance or at Counselor Corner in the Café area on Tuesday or Thursday during your lunch time.
- Official transcripts will be provided for the student to mail to private and out of state institutions. *The first 3 will be free. Each additional request will be \$5.00. Fees due at the time of the request. (Please bring the correct change!!)*

COLLEGE UPDATES... Reminder

- ✚ Upcoming College Visits in **Spotlight**
- ✚ Sign up in Guidance
- ✚ **College Visits (3 per student)**



October 8, 2011
Fall Open House
University of North Florida

Students desiring to receive their admissions decision in person must have all admissions materials in by **September 23, 2011** (application, \$30 application fee or waiver, official transcript & official SAT and/or ACT score).

You **MUST RSVP** on the Visitor Center website:

www.unf.edu/visitorscenter
Questions - Contact Jorge Torres:
(jorge.torres@unf.edu)



The University of Central Florida invites all interested students to apply online. The application can be accessed at <http://www.admissions.ucf.edu/> Apply between September and November for maximum consideration for admission, scholarships, and housing opportunities.

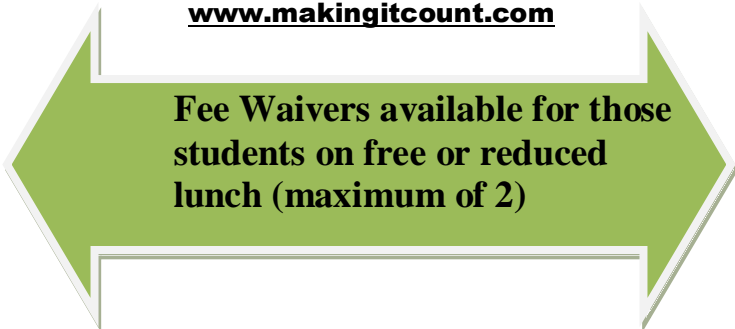


Are **SAT & ACT** you registered?

ACT/SAT Dates & Study Guides available in the Café area at Counselor Corner!!



- Check out the following test prep sites...
www.march2success.com
www.number2.com
www.makingitcount.com



Fee Waivers available for those students on free or reduced lunch (maximum of 2)

- Concordant ACT and/or SAT scores will qualify students for a waiver of the FCAT requirement for their high school diploma. Other graduation requirements must be satisfied. Students must take the FCAT only 1 time as grade 10 or higher to be eligible for the waiver.

Approved concordant scores:

Reading/Verbal	Mathematics
SAT - 420	SAT - 340
ACT - 18	ACT - 15

ACT & SAT TEST PREP
Put Your Best Foot Forward!

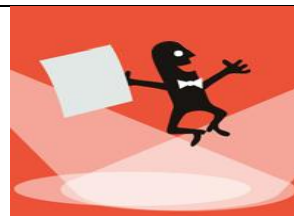
Students applying to any of the 11 State Universities must register for the ACT with Writing!! In the past, the Writing section was not required.



ACT TEST PREP RESOURCES

Online Sample Questions, Test Descriptions, and Test Tips

Five sets of sample questions are available for English, Mathematics and Science Tests; four sets are available for the Reading Test. Together, these 19 sets make up one complete ACT. For each question, there are explanations of both correct and incorrect answers. To prepare for the ACT Writing Test, a sample writing test prompt is given with sample responses.
www.actstudent.org/testprep



Official SAT Questions
www.collegeboard.com

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No Senioritis Allowed!

Make Your Senior Year Count!!

Seniors you have worked hard for three years, taking tests and completing projects in preparation for college admission.

Congratulations to those of you who have successfully began the first quarter and are getting those applications done in anticipation of heading off to the college of your choice.

Senioritis, taking it easy senior year, seems like a nice break, but is likely to cause more harm than good. Many college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance". This means colleges reserve the right to deny you admission should your senior year grades drop.

Seniors, Are You College Ready?
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College readiness is the combination of skills, knowledge, and habits of mind necessary to fully participate in a college-level course to completion with grades C or higher.

Florida College Readiness Indicators

ACT – 18 Reading

ACT – 19 Math ACT – 17 English

SAT – 440 Verbal

SAT – 440 Math

CPT – 83 Reading CPT -83 English

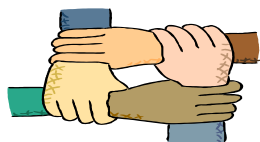
CPT - 72 Elementary Algebra



PROCEED WITH CAUTION

A number of high school graduates are at risk of failing at least one class during the Fall Semester of the freshman year or needing remedial courses before they are capable of college-level work. (According to an ACT study on college readiness)

Counselor corner (Cafe Area)



- ❖ Counselor available all 4 lunches
- ❖ Ask a counselor...
- ❖ College magazines
- ❖ SAT/ACT Study Guides
- ❖ Scholarship Information
- ❖ Request Transcripts
- ❖ Request Appointments
- ❖ Community Service Sheets
- ❖ Letter of Recommendation Forms



National Association for
College Admission Counseling
Guiding the way to higher education

College Fair

Jacksonville – Prime Osborn Center

Saturday, October 15 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Learn more about the 18 Visual and Performing Arts College Fairs coming to a city near you!!
(www.nacacnet.org/pvastudent)

Hot Topics Coming Issue 2 (October-November) ...

- ❖ Why attend a Florida State University?
- ❖ The Community College Option
- ❖ Glossary of Admissions Decisions