

# **Postgraduate Department Calendar**

## **2022-23**

### **September Introductory Groups**

All students will attend a post-graduate department introductory session, separated by grade level. These groups will provide students with an overview of the department and an introduction to post-secondary planning based on grade level. Students will complete a post-secondary planning survey and be given the opportunity to sign up for events, speakers, and groups held by the department throughout the year.

**Senior Groups: Sept. 20, periods 2, 3, 4**

**Junior Groups: Sept. 19, periods 2, 3**

**Sophomore Groups: Sept. 21, periods 1, 2**

**Freshman Groups: Sept. 23, periods 1, 2**

**September 26, October 3, 17, 24, 31- (Annex E)**

### **Four-year College Group**

Seniors applying to 4-year colleges are invited to participate in a weekly group to explore the college application process and topics related to attending a 4-year college. Topics will include essay writing, completing the Common Application, applying for scholarships, dorm living, choosing a major, paying for college, time management, and other topics of choice.

\* In addition to groups, students will meet individually with the Post-Graduate Counselor on an as needed basis throughout the college application process.

**September 27, 28, 30, October 3**

### **Senior Parent/Student Conferences**

Parent/student postgraduate planning meetings will be available this week for parents of seniors interested in meeting individually with Ms. Del Papa. A sign-up genius will be sent to all senior parents.

**October 4- APR**

### **Community College Information Session (Annex E)**

Ms. Donna Cuddy of Brookdale Community College will provide information on applying to a community college, the difference between a 2-year and 4-year school, and the transfer process from community college to a 4-year program.

Group 1: period 2

Group 2: period 3

Group 3: period 4

### **October 11 (APR)**

#### **Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors- (APR)**

All seniors are invited to attend an informational workshop on financial aid options for postsecondary education. Mr. Kimber Decker from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will provide an overview of the financial aid process and answer questions about grants, scholarships, and loans offered by the State of New Jersey.

Group 1: period 2

Group 2: period 3

Group 3: period 4

### **October 12 (APR and Annex E)**

#### **PSAT for Juniors**

PSAT testing for juniors will be administered by the Post-Graduate Department for those students currently registered for testing through the College Board.

### **October 18 (Zoom)**

#### **Parent Workshop- How to Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

**6:00-7:30pm**

Mr. Kimber Decker from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will present a parent workshop with step-by step instructions on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A Zoom link will be emailed to interested parents prior to the event. Please RSVP to Nancy Del Papa at [ndelpapa@collieryouthservices.org](mailto:ndelpapa@collieryouthservices.org).

### **November 9, 16, and 23 (Annex E)**

#### **Two- year College Group**

Seniors applying to community colleges are invited to participate in a weekly group to discuss the process of applying to a community college and what to expect when transitioning from high school to college. Topics will include the application and placement requirements, financial aid, time management, support services, and other topics of interest to the students.

**Note:** In addition to groups, students will meet individually with the Postgraduate Counselor on an as needed basis throughout the college application process.

**November 7**

**Brookdale Community College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Monmouth County are invited to an on-campus tour of Brookdale Community College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

**November 10**

**Middlesex Community College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Middlesex County are invited to an on-campus tour of Middlesex County College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

**November 11**

**Ocean County College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Ocean County are invited to an on-campus tour of Ocean County College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

**Note:** Additional community college tours and admissions meetings will be scheduled throughout November and December based on student needs.

**November 17 (Annex E)**

**Cosmetology Presentation: Innovate Salon Academy**

A representative from Innovate Salon Academy will be here to talk to students interested in cosmetology.

**November 21**

**Georgian Court University**

Campus tour and admissions presentation at Georgian Court University. Open to select seniors and juniors who are interested in touring this 4-year university.

**November 30 (Zoom), 6:00-7:00 pm**

**NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services- Parent/Student Workshop**

A representative from the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) will discuss post-secondary services including financial aid for college/vocational school, vocational training, career exploration and vocational counseling, and job placement services. Information on how to register for services will be provided.

### **December 6 (APR)**

#### **Apprenticeship Presentation**

A representative from the NJ Associated Builders and Contractors Apprenticeship Program (ABC) will present to students about the trade occupations, apprenticeship programs, and employment opportunities in the trades.

### **December 8 (APR)**

#### **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Presentation**

A representative from the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) will discuss post-secondary services for seniors including financial aid for college/vocational school, vocational training, career exploration and vocational counseling, and job placement services. Information on how to register for services will be provided. All seniors are invited to attend this information session.

### **January - June 2023**

#### **January 12 (APR)**

##### **“Life After Collier” Alumni Panel**

A panel of Collier alumni will share their experiences about their journey since graduation. All interested seniors are invited to attend.

#### **January 18**

##### **Innovate Salon Academy Tour**

Students interested in the field of cosmetology will be taken on a tour and information session at Innovate Salon Academy.

#### **February 8 (Zoom) 6:00-7:30**

##### **Accessing Disability Services in College- Parent/Student Workshop**

This workshop will review accommodations and supports available at the college level. The difference between college and high school supports will be discussed, as well as the process of applying for accommodations in college.

#### **February 9 (APR)**

##### **Practice Accuplacer/ College Placement Test**

A practice Accuplacer (college placement test) will be administered in the APR for interested students. Students attending community college may be required to take a placement test prior to registration; the practice test will give students an opportunity to see what the test is like and to provide a basis for preparing for the test at the college.

### **March 7,14,21 and 28 (Annex E)**

#### **College Prep Group for Juniors**

Juniors planning on applying to college are invited to attend a college planning group to explore the college application process and begin college planning. Topics will include how to begin a college search, what is needed to prepare for the college application, financial aid, essay writing, and more.

### **March 7**

#### **ACT administration for Juniors**

ACT testing for juniors will be administered by the Post-Graduate Department for those students registered to take the school day ACT.

### **March 8 (APR)**

#### **Brookdale Community College Placement Test Administration**

Students planning to attend Brookdale Community College will have the opportunity to take the required placement test at Collier. Students needing to take placement tests for other community colleges can see Ms. Del Papa for help with making arrangements.

### **March 9 (Zoom) 6:00-7:30**

#### **The College Planning Process- Parent/Student Workshop**

This workshop is geared towards juniors and sophomores who want to learn more about the college application process. The workshop will cover 2-year vs 4-year colleges, components of the college application and admissions process, and the types of financial aid available to pay for school.

### **March- Dates TBD**

#### **Parent/ Junior Postsecondary Planning Conferences**

Individual appointments will be offered in March to parents/guardians interested in meeting with the Postgraduate Counselor and their student to discuss postsecondary goals and planning for senior year.

### **April 4**

#### **Career Day**

All high schools students are invited to participate in the school-wide Career Day event. Career Day is an opportunity for students to hear from professionals in a variety of careers and industries, as well as meet with representatives from vocational schools, the Armed Forces, and postsecondary educational institutions.

**April 21**

**Middlesex College Early Bird Registration**

Students attending Middlesex College after graduation will be brought to the college to meet with an advisor and register for classes.

**TBD**

**Brookdale Community College Early Bird Registration**

Students attending Brookdale Community College after graduation will be brought to the college to meet with an advisor and register for classes.

**April 25**

**School Day SAT Administration for Juniors**

SAT testing for juniors will be administered by the Post-Graduate Department for those students currently registered for school-day SAT.

**Dates to be Determined (based on student interest):**

**Car Buying Workshop**

Interested in buying a car? This workshop will discuss all things related to purchasing a vehicle, including leasing vs. buying, purchasing used vs. new, and how to pay for a car.

**Independent Living Information Session**

Want to know how much it *really* costs to live on your own? This workshop will present information on things to consider in terms of independent living, including how to manage a real life budget.