



DCHS SENIOR NEWSLETTER



Can you believe you've made it to your senior year?!? I am sure this year seemed like it would never come, but now that it is here, it is going to fly by. As a senior, you will be very busy checking into college options, apprenticeship programs, the military, etc. You will have ACT/SAT testing, application deadlines, and so forth. This document will help you stay aware of all upcoming tasks that you may need to complete. If you ever have any questions regarding any of the information that is provided within the newsletter, feel free to stop by my office and we can discuss it. In conclusion, have a GREAT senior year and enjoy these last moments together in high school!!

TESTING DATES & REGISTRATION

Students must register for the tests online. Visit www.act.org and click 'Register for the ACT'. For the SAT, go to www.sat.org and click 'Register Now'. You will need a credit/debit card and to upload a photo. You can find free testing samples online through these sites. You can also see Mrs. Clark or Mr. Emmett to have SAT and ACT practice added to your Apex account. Below are test dates offered at DCHS. You can also test at other test centers besides DCHS if a different test date is more convenient for you.

ACT - Center code is 233380

Test Date	Registration Date	Registration with late fee
September 12, 2020	August 14, 2020	August 28, 2019
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 20, 2019
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 26, 2021

Cost for the ACT is \$55.00 without writing and \$70.00 with writing. An additional charge of \$35.00 will be added if you register late. To change an ACT date or location, you will be charged \$35.00. If you receive free or reduced lunch prices, see a counselor about a fee waiver form. Fee waivers can be used twice total and make the test free.

SAT - Center code is 11689

Test date	Registration Date	Registration with late fee
August 29, 2020	July 31, 2020	August 18, 2020
September 26, 2020	August 26, 2020	September 15, 2020
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 27, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021

Cost for the SAT is \$52 without writing and \$68 with writing. An additional charge of \$30.00 will be added if you register late. To change an SAT date or location, you will be charged \$30.00. If you receive free or reduced lunch prices, see a counselor about a fee waiver form. Fee waivers can be used twice total and make the test free.

YOUR TO-DO LIST FOR NOW:

- **Create a resume. List your academic accomplishments, awards, extracurricular activities, work, community service, etc.**
- **Sign up for the ACT and/or SAT. Start practicing test items through the site or Apex. It is a good idea to take both tests more than once as you try to get the highest scores you can for college admissions and scholarships.**
- **GAfutures @ <https://www.gafutures.org> - Log in or create an account. This site gives you a lot of information on how to apply for college. We will talk about some of what is there today, but come by anytime you have future questions about it as well.**

- **Senior Parent Meeting - An individual from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will provide information for parents on the FAFSA, HOPE Scholarship, Zell Miller Scholarship, etc. on Mon., Sept. 28th from 6 to 7pm in the auditorium.**
- **FAFSA Night - An individual from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will also come on Mon., Oct. 26th from 3-6pm to help parents fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). You definitely want to fill this out if you are going to college!!!! Parents can drop in at anytime b/w 3 and 6pm with their tax returns & other needed documents and receive assistance.**
- **College Fair - We generally go on a field trip to a college fair each year that has booths set up from many different colleges and gives you a chance to ask questions to these colleges. Due to COVID-19, we will not be able to do this this year. However, we will be working on something to help you still get to look into a variety of colleges. More info to come!**
- **ASVAB - This will be offered in November. In late October, we will provide info for you to sign up if you would like to take the test. All seniors are encouraged to take this FREE career assessment given by our military. It is helpful in showing you where your strengths lie and in what careers you would be best suited. Listen for announcements about signing up, and texts will be sent out as well.**
- **Apply to College Day: We are working on a date in November for this and will give you more information once the date is set. On Apply to College Day we will give you time to work on college applications in the library with assistance from admissions counselors from local colleges and your school counselors.**
- **College Tours - You receive 2 excused absences your senior year for college visits! Most colleges seem to be doing virtual college tours this year instead of in-person visits. If they will not allow you to go in person, you should still set up an appointment with them to do a virtual college visit. If they give you an appointment time during the school day, you will need to provide documentation to the front office for it to be excused.**
- **START APPLYING TO COLLEGES NOW!!! The quicker you get accepted to a college, the quicker you can start applying for their scholarships as well. We will have some college admissions counselors set up booths in the cafeteria from time to time during lunch. Stop and talk to them to find out more about their college. If you do not want to go to college, learn more about other routes of interest. Go ahead and talk to recruiters with the military if that is an interest, contact local apprenticeship programs for more information, contact the local Southeast Lineman's Training Center, etc. Make plans NOW for when you get out of school. Come by my office ANY TIME to discuss any of these options!!**
- **Community Service Hours - Don't forget to document community service hours! If you accumulate a total of 100 hours by graduation, you will receive a special cord & certificate at graduation. It also looks really good for college applications and scholarships when you have been involved with community service in high school. Community service forms are available in the front office.**
- **Seek Scholarship Money!!**
 - 1) **All colleges and universities have a foundation. Apply for everything available to you. Look at these now, as some of the colleges academic scholarships are due in the fall of your senior year.**
 - 2) **FAFSA is the federal application that determines PELL Grant, the HOPE Scholarship/Grant, and more. It must be done! There will be a FAFSA night later in the year in which parents can come fill out the FAFSA with assistance from the Georgia Student Finance Commission**

- 3) **National Scholarships:** Use a scholarship search engine to find various national scholarships. Once you register, they will email you info on scholarships too. Some examples include: fastweb.com, unigo.com, scholarships.com, scholarshipmonkey.com, cappex.com, goodcall.com, and chegg.com.
- 4) **Local Scholarships - APPLY FOR ALL LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS** once they become updated and posted on the DCHS Website. We will let you know once they are posted. You can access them by going to the Dade County High School webpage, clicking ‘counseling’, and clicking ‘Scholarship Information’.

PREVIEW DAYS AT LOCAL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

1. Berry College – Sept. 7, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 12, Nov. 7 – register online
2. Chattanooga State – Monday/Wednesday/Fri, register for your visit online
3. Shorter University - Sept 3, 8, 9, 10 - register online
4. Kennesaw State -Will go back to in-person visits daily starting Sept. 14th - register online
5. JSU - Sept. 19, Oct. 3 - register online
6. Lee University - Fall: 10/9, 11/6, 11/13 - Spring: 1/18, 2/12, 2/15, 2/26 - register online
7. Covenant College - Monday/Wednesday/Fri, - register online

Dalton State, GNTC, UTC, UGA, GA State, Lagrange College, GA Tech, GA Southwestern, West Georgia, and others currently only list virtual college visits as an option. However, many of these locations said they will be reevaluating for this Fall so I would keep checking back!

SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINES & PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES

****If your college of choice is not listed, please make sure to review their scholarship priority deadline. You do not want to miss any scholarship opportunities that you are eligible to receive.**

1. GA State Univ. – Honors Program and Presidential Scholarship Priority Deadline: Dec. 8
2. GA Southern – Scholarship Deadline: Feb. 1
3. GA College – Early Action Application Deadline: Oct. 15 / President’s Scholarship Deadline: Oct. 30
4. Shorter University – Scholars Program Scholarship Deadline: Jan. 24
5. UTC – Dec. 1- Priority Application Deadline
6. GA Tech – Early Action Deadline & Scholar’s Program Deadline: Oct. 15
7. Chattanooga State – Priority Application Deadline: Jan. 12
8. Berry College – Nov. 1 - Early Decision Deadline
9. GA Southwestern – Feb. 1 Freshmen Priority Scholarship deadline
10. Kennesaw State - Nov. 2 - Priority Application Deadline

*Priority Application Deadlines are not final deadlines for applying to that college. However, you often have a better chance of getting accepted if you apply early. You also often have to apply by this early application deadline in order to apply for the academic scholarships too.

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