OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 03, 2023

THE BLAZE

Official Newsletter of HCS Early College High School

"Endless Possibilities"

from the desk of Ms. Williams...

Trailblazers,

And just like that, we have started a new grading quarter! Report cards for the first grading quarter will be emailed Thursday, November 02, 2023. If your student has a D or F for the first quarter, please make sure to make contact with the teacher to develop a support plan for the final grading quarter.

Students in need of support with homework and assignments can get help on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school (2:30 - 4:30) and online (4:00 - 7:00) from ECHS staff members. Students can access the links for online help using the flyer below.

We will continue our fundraising for the American Cancer Society with our Penny War during lunch. Students can donate pennies and silver in the jars of teachers and staff members they would like to see win or lose! It's all in fun since the money will go to charity.

Parents and family members are invited to our second annual combined induction ceremony for our honor societies. The program will begin at 5:30 in the Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium. Inductees are asked to be at the auditorium by 5:15 PM. The order of induction is Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. The National Honor Society will induct members last at 6:20 PM.

We are looking forward to our Student Led Conferences (SLCs) coming up November 7-9, 2023. SLCs are an opportunity for students to share with their parents their academic progress and goals for the year. Students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in the mandatory conferences, and are responsible for signing up for a time and day to do their conference with their parents and advisor. Conferences will begin at 2:30. Students are responsible for reminding parents of the time, date, and location of their conference. If parents have not received information on a date and time for their SLC, please contact the school to set up a conference.

Please read below for additional important updates and reminders.

Upcoming Events

Unity Day - Wear Orange

October 31

Quarter 1 Report Cards

November 02

Honor Society Induction Ceremony

- November 02 @ 5:30
- B & C Auditorium

Fall Make-up Pictures

• November 03 @ 8:30

Swampfest 2023

- November 04 @ Playcard
- 9:00 3:00

Student Led Conferences

- November 7 9, 2023
- 2:30 7:00

Important Trailblazer Links

Lunch MenuECHS WebsiteStudent HandbookSafety Protocols (English / Spanish)Homework AssistanceTranscript Request (ECHS / HGTC)Scholarship WebsiteFacebook, Twitter, Instagram

<u>Advisory</u>: Friday, November 03, 2023, will be a AM Advisory and a Monday/Wednesday day.

<u>Quarter 1 Report Cards</u>: The last day for grades for the first grading quarter was Wednesday, October 25. Report cards will be emailed to students and parents on **Thursday, November 02, 2023**. Students are reminded to submit all assignments on time and communicate with teachers about make-up work for all absences.

<u>Unity Day</u>: All ECHS students are asked to wear orange on **October 31, 2023**, to stand up against bullying. Students will sign the online pledge against bullying and receive ice cream and cookies during lunch.

<u>Student Led Conferences</u>: Students in grades 9 and 10 will participate in mandatory conferences on November 7, 8, and 9, 2023. Students must sign up for a time and day to do their conference with their parents and advisor. Conferences will begin at 2:30. Students are responsible for reminding parents of the time, date, and location of their conference.

Honor Society Induction Ceremony: There will be a fall induction ceremony for Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, and National Honor Society Thursday, November 02, 2023, beginning at 5:30 in the B & C Auditorium. Inductees must pay their membership dues in order to participate in the ceremony and check email for instructions from sponsors. Inductees are asked to be at the B & C Auditorium by 5:15 on the day of the ceremony.

<u>Salvation Army Food Drive</u>: Students are asked to bring in canned good items and other non-perishable items for the Salvation Army Food Drive. **The last day to bring in items is November 13**. The Advisory with the most donated items will win donuts.

<u>Swampfest Volunteers</u>: Swampfest is Saturday, November 03 from 9:00 to 3:00 at Playcard. Student volunteers are needed for all activities, but must have transportation to and from Playcard. Volunteers should arrive around 9:00 AM to help with setting up the different stations. Interested students can sign up outside Mrs. Wagner's door (Room 209A). "To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society."

THE MISSION OF ECHS



<u>Title I</u>

HCS-Early College High School receives federal funding through Title I. A copy of the Title I school wide plan can be reviewed in our main office. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback with regards to our school wide Title I initiatives.

TRAILBLAZER DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS





Monday 10/30/23 Smash Bowl PB & J



Tuesday 10/31/23 Beef Nachos Grande Chicken Salad Wrap



Wednesday 11/1/23 Chicken Filet Sandwich Grilled Chicken Salad



Thursday 11/2/23 Chicken Bog Turkey & Cheese Sub



Friday 11/3/23 Pepperoni Pizza PB&J Meal

ECHS Students & Parents Events Calendar

All dates are tentative and could change based on need

Link to Calendar

Week of October 30-November 4, 2023				
Monday, October 30	Salvation Army Canned Food Drive			
Tuesday, October 31	Unity Day - Wear ORANGE Students Sign Online Bullying Pledge Salvation Army Canned Food Drive			
Wednesday, November 1	Salvation Army Canned Food Drive			
Thursday, November 2	Induction Ceremonies (National Honor Society, Rho Khappa, Mu Alpha Theta) Report Cards Issued for Q1 Deadline to register for December SAT Salvation Army Canned Food Drive			
Friday, November 3	AM Advisory M/W Fall Make-up Pictures @ 8:30 ~ Trailblazer Cafe WIN Testing–Any Senior that did not pass Deadline to register for December ACT Salvation Army Canned Food Drive			
Saturday, November 4	SAT National Testing–Seniors Swamp Fest ~ Playcard Center 9:00 - 3:00			



October 31, 2023 We Wear <mark>Orange</mark>

powerful change care acceptance community community protect inclusion powerful power not alone support together kindness help

Take the Pledge



October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying can impact a student's education, physical and emotional health, safety, and well-being. Together, we can create kinder, more inclusive, and more accepting communities for all students. If you see or suspect bullying, say something about it!

Visit <u>www.horrycountyschools.net/nobullying</u> to learn more about how you can help stomp out bullying.

College of the Week October 30 - November 03







APPROXIMATLY 1 IN 3 CADETS EARNS A COMMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES UPON GRADUATION.

"When you choose The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, you make a commitment to be challenged. As a member of the Corps of Cadets, you will join an extraordinary group of young individuals driven by a strong moral code and a desire to make a difference. You are strong, but when you join your classmates, you become part of a team. Together you become resilient. You form lifelong bonds that define who you are. You learn to uphold standards and learn the value of accountability and integrity. And in this process, you realize that you are capable of more than you ever thought."

THE CITADEL IS RANKED #1 PUBLIC COLLEGE IN THE SOUTH OFFERING UP TO A MASTER'S DEGREE BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

Volunteers Needed

Swampfest is Saturday, November 04 from 9:00 to 3:00 at Playcard. Student volunteers are needed for all activities, but must have transportation to and from Playcard. Volunteers should arrive around 9:00 to help with setting up the different stations. Interested students can sign up outside Mrs. Wagner's door Room 209A.

Volunteers needed to help with all activities. You will need to provide your own transportation to Playcard and from Playcard. Students should arrive around 9:00 am to help with setting up stations.

PLEASE SEE MRS. WAGNER TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER! SIGN UP SHEET OUTSIDE HER CLASSROOM. SATURDAY

TIME: 9:00AM -3:00PM

Public invited, admission is FREE! Many different activities from natural history, biology, pioneer history, music, arts, crafts, local merchants, games, storytelling, and lots of tasty outdoorthemed food and drink.

PLAYGARD Swampfest 2023



November 7 - 9, 2023 2:30 PM - 7:00 PM

We will have Student Led Conferences (SLCs) for students in grades 9 -10 November 7 - 9, 2023.

This will be a time for the Parent/Guardian to visit ECHS and listen to the student share his/her progress, achievements, or concerns.

Please make sure that you sign up for a day and time. SLCs are required. We look forward to seeing you!!

Class of 2024

Congratulations, Katiana Eckert!

Katiana has been selected to showcase her culinary arts skills on an episode of the Bob Redfern Show. Stay tuned for Chef Eckert! <u>#EndlessPossibilities</u>



Chef Eckert coming soon!

Free Tutoring Available Help Every Day, Any Time





TutorMe provides free, one-on-one online tutoring for HGTC students. Support is available 24/7. To try TutorMe, click the link on the Student Resources card in myHGTC.

EARLY COLLEGE SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH SENIORS JUNIORS

Kya Cardelli Leighanna Gerald Jessica Kayota Alli Owens Johnasia West

SOPHOMORES

Kassidy Bellamy Taylor Chinchilla-Salvador Zandon McCurdy Kevin Moseley A.J. Parker Sue Lyn Young

Ayanna Bromell Ashier Johnson Kamryn Johnson Connor Milburn Taylor Powell Adasyn Tackett Kim Zhao

FRESHMAN

Reagan Cox Nicholas Lockliar Mackenzie Rogers Kayla Rowe LeAnn Sites Cadaisha Williams



SENIOR



WILLIAM REEMSNYDER JUNIOR



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DR. FLOYD



DANNA JIMENEZ CHAMU FRESHMAN

College of the Week October 23 - 27



your best is within reach at CSUL

"You will learn to think broadly and deeply about ideas, to engage biblical truths that ignite your curiosity, and to ask questions of the world and yourself – all aimed at preparing you to discover your purpose and achieve success in living it out. At Charleston Southern University, your purpose is our mission."

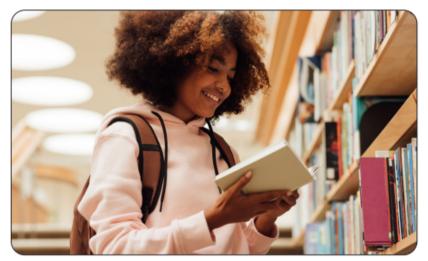
For more information, visit https://www.charlestonsouthern.edu/

Title I Newsletter

October 2023

English, Spanish





Challenge your teen to find a 'mind-building' hobby

As students get older, they must develop higher order thinking skills. High school students need to know how to weigh the information they hear, see and read.

To strengthen these thinking skills, encourage your teen to:

 Read more than just assignments. The more students read, the more new ideas they are exposed to. It can't be said too often that teens should read for pleasure—everything from news articles to magazines to novels. and some popular brand name games, such as Scattergories and Catan, build important thinking skills, too.

- Debate. Most teens love to argue. Ask your teen to stop arguing with you and join the school debate team instead. No debate team? Perhaps your teen could start one.
- Play a musical instrument. Making music teaches about order, rhythm and patterns. It sharpens listening skills. And it can help teens feel calm, which improves their ability

Show your teen what respect looks like



When it comes to teaching your high schooler about respect, the idea isn't to *teach* at all.

It's to demonstrate. Here are some everyday ways to demonstrate respect:

- Be polite. Say please, thank you and excuse me when talking to your teen. Honor privacy by knocking before entering your teen's room.
- Be fair. Don't pass judgment on your teen or impose a consequence before learning all the facts. Show respect by taking the time to get your teen's side of the story.
- Be kind. Show grace when your teen makes a mistake. Avoid telling childhood stories that might embarrass your teen in front of others.
- Be dependable. If you tell your teen you'll do something, be sure you do it.
- Be honest. Every little white lie you tell chips away at the



Window World October Teacher of the Month

Click her to <u>Vote</u> Everyday

Vote for Mrs. Farmer

https://myhorrynews.secondstreetapp.com/October23-Teacher-of-the-Month/gallery/



Make your nominations for the October 2023 Teacher of the Month! Vote & Nominate EVERYDAY!

The teacher with the most votes will win a plaque, prize from **Window World** and a follow up story in our local papers!

Vote & Nominate: October 1 - October 31 Winner Contacted: November 1

Homework Assistance

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 4:00- 6:00 (after school) 4:00 - 7:00 (Online)



Homework Help Guidelines:

- In Person Help is available after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30 4:30.
- Students will meet the teacher at the designated location and remain there until they are picked up.
- Students must be picked up by 4:30
- Virtual Help is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4:00 7:00.
- Students will use the links below to join the virtual group.

After School Assistance					
English					
Room 230	Ms. Robinette	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	2:30 - 4:00		
Math					
Room 207	Mrs. Bishop	Wednesdays	2:30 - 4:00		
Room 223	Ms. Woodard	Tuesdays & Wednesday	2:30 - 4:30		

Online Assistance				
All Subjects (except math)				
Ms. Benton	Tuesdays	4:00 - 6:00		
Link	https://meet.google.com/lookup/bentontutor			
Math				
Mrs. Kelly	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	5:00 - 7:00		
Link	https://meet.google.com/lookup/kellytutor			

Fall /Winter 23-24 EOC Testing Dates

EOC Exam 🚌	English II Writing December 07	Thursday,
Schedule 🖓	Algebra I December 12	Tuesday,
2023	Biology I December 13	Wednesday,
End of Course Test Schedule	English II Reading December 14	Thursday,

Please reschedule doctor/dental appointments that fall on a test day! **Per South Carolina mandate, the EOC test score will count as 20% of the student's final grade in the corresponding course.**

Students who do not test will receive a score of zero as the final exam grade in the corresponding course. Make up exams may not be rescheduled due to vacations/unexcused absences. Students will not be allowed to have any electronic device other than the HCS computer in the testing location.



Principal Approved Absences

Successful completion of high school courses results in the issuance of Carnegie units needed for a high school diploma.

Since our high schools and program schools operate on a 4 x 4 block schedule, it is crucial that students miss as few days as possible.

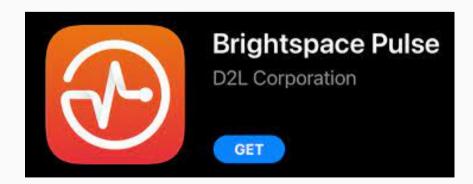
Based on this information, it is not feasible for our secondary schools and program schools to grant principal-approved days effective this year. Religious-based camps, retreats, trips, and conferences are not excused.

Absences due to major religious holidays are excused. Please send notes to the attendance office regarding absences for religious holidays.



Parent Access to College Grades

- Download Brightspace Pulse to your phone.
- Have your students log into their myHGTC account.
- You can view grades & upcoming assignments.



Brightspace Pulse

Parking Decal for Student Drivers



Drivers must register their cars with HGTC Public Safety and complete the information form for ECHS.

Registered drivers will receive an ECHS placard to place in the window on the dash near their HGTC parking decal.



Congratulations, Trailblazers!



Horry County | 2022-2023

Hcs Early College High School

2022-2023 Overall Rating

Excellent 84

School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

Horry County Schools | 2021-2022

Hcs Early College High School

2021-2022 Overall Rating

Excellent 82

School performance substantially exceeds the criteria to ensure all students meet the Profile of the SC Graduate

We are proud of our students and teachers for all their hard work!



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an allhazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOI D "In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

 Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced

Do business as usual

- Adults and staff are trained to:
- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual

"Get Inside, Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual
- Adults and staff are trained to:
- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual

LOCKDOWN "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

- Students are trained to:
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE "To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location.
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area.
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Adults and staff are trained in:
- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.











PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE "Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.



It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.



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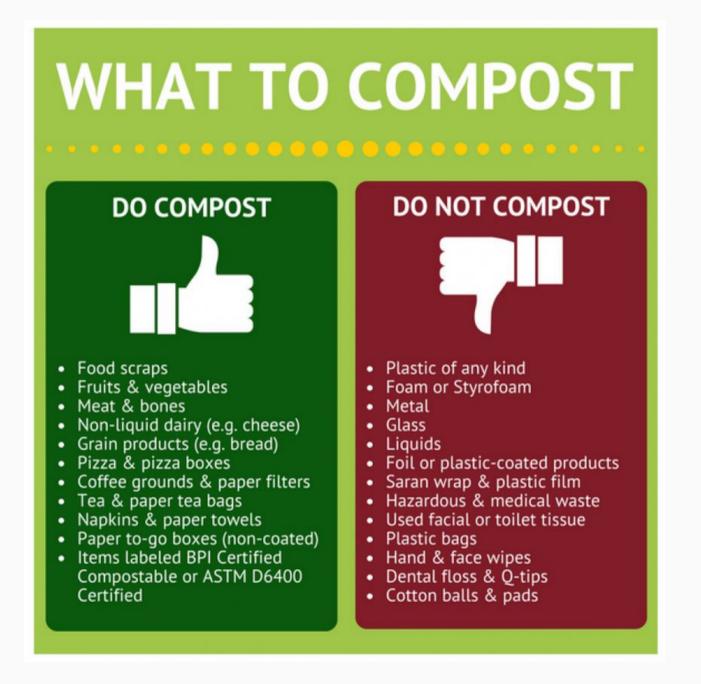
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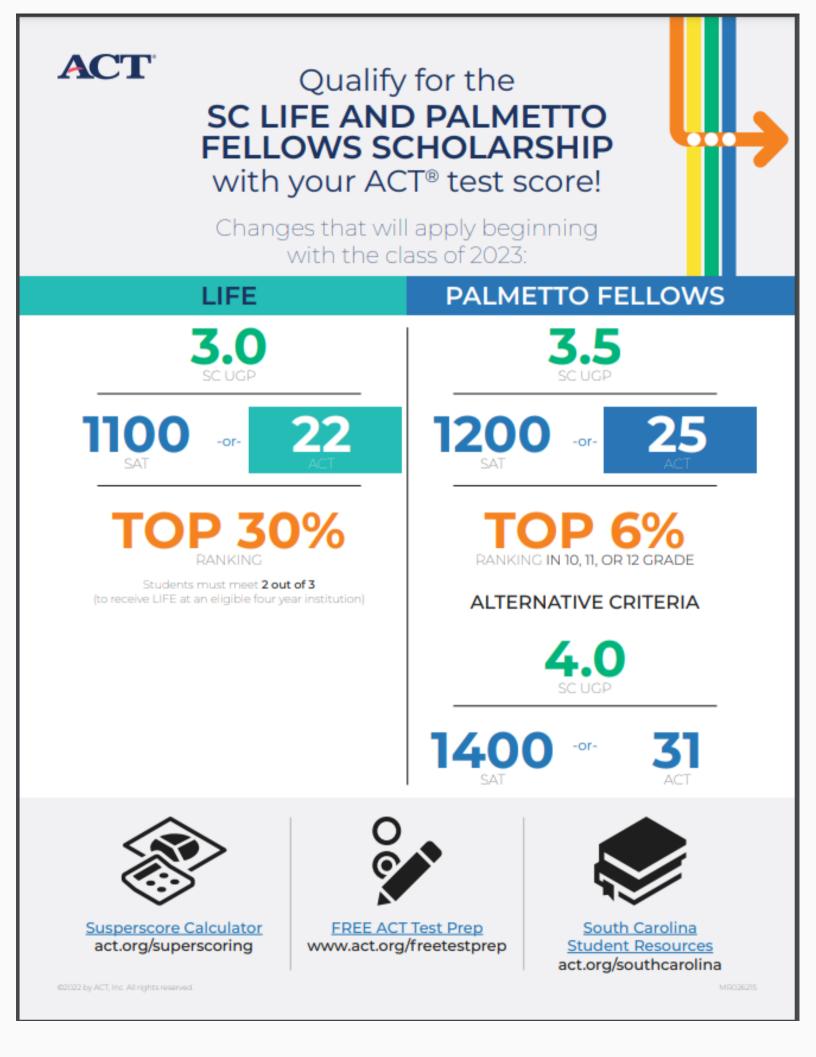
RECYCLING

WE ARE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO HELP WITH RECYCLING DURING LUNCH.

STUDENTS SHOULD SORT THE ITEMS ON THEIR TRAYS PRIOR TO DUMPING TO ENSURE THEY ARE PLACED IN THE CORRECT BINS.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE NON COMPOSTABLE ITEMS IN THE COMPOST BIN BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAMINATE THE BIN AND IT CANNOT BE USED FOR COMPOST.





Bus Transportation

Students planning to ride the bus can contact the bus office for their attendance area to get information on route numbers and pick up times.

