

Hello Juniors & Junior Parents!

Welcome to the first edition of the CHS Junior Bulletin, our weekly email designed to provide you with useful information as you navigate the career and college search process. Each week we will provide you with important and timely information as you start researching colleges and other post-secondary options.

This year is certainly very unusual in many ways, including the college search process. To ensure that all of our juniors have access to important information, the School Counseling Department will begin meeting with our Junior Plus Blocks (virtually) the week of February 8th. After those meetings we will begin scheduling our individual junior meetings with our caseloads, which will begin on Tuesday, February 23rd. Look for more information on both of those meetings in future Junior Bulletins!

In the meantime, below are some suggestions of things you can do to get started on your Life after CHS!



#### **CHS CLASS OF 2022 GOOGLE CLASSROOM:**

To further support you during this unorthodox year, the CHS School Counseling Department has created Google Classroom that includes a wide range of topics including Health & Wellness, College and Career Exploration, Financial Aid and Scholarship Info and much more. We will keep updating your Google Classroom throughout this year and next, and it will address the needs of all of our students and the many paths they may follow. **IMPORTANT:** the Join Code for this new Google Classroom is: **xqypkwl**. Please join today!!

#### **NAVIANCE:**

Be sure to check out Naviance, our college search engine. You can find a link to Naviance under the Student tab on the CHS home page. **Students**, if you cannot remember your username (it will be an email address) please email your counselor. If you cannot remember your password, use the "Forgot your password?" link under the sign-in box.

Naviance helps you search for colleges, determine your learning style, explore potential careers, and find schools that fit your criteria. Parents, if you would like to set up your own account, contact your student's counselor for a registration code. Please make sure that the student and at least one parent/guardian receives this email. Please check to see that the email addresses found on the "About Me" tab, "Home" link are correct. Throughout this process, please inform your counselor if your email address changes.

**VISITING COLLEGES & COLLEGE FAIRS:** A great idea for the upcoming February vacation, and this time of year in general, is to visit colleges to start getting a sense of the type of school that is a good fit for you. You'll want to think about: large vs. small school, city vs. suburban or rural, majors offered, atmosphere, class sizes, cost, etc. If you visit now, you may see the schools in action if students are on campus. Many schools also hold Open Houses for potential students. You can find information on College Open Houses, Summer Programs, and other relevant topics on the Career Center webpage. Even though some schools may only be offering virtual tours and Open Houses this year due to the pandemic, even touring virtually will be helpful and informative to you. Please see the Google Classroom for info on virtual college fairs and tips on touring colleges virtually.

**SATs/ACTs:** The next SAT offered is March 13th followed by May 8th, and June 5th. Please note that February 12th is the deadline to sign up for the March SAT. CHS is a testing site for most SAT dates, while ACTs may be taken at other local high schools. The next ACT sittings are April 17th, June 12th, and July 17th. You can register by going to [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) or [ACTstudent.org](http://ACTstudent.org). Our CEEB code is 220575.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor directly as we do not see responses to this email address.

Have a great weekend!

CHS School Counseling

**Important Dates:**

March 13: SATs offered at CHS, registration deadline is February 12 ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

April 17: ACT offered at area high schools, registration deadline - 3/12 ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

May 8: SATs offered at CHS and other area high schools, registration deadline - 4/8

June 5: SATs offered at CHS and other area high schools, registration deadline - 5/6

June 12: ACT offered at area high schools, registration deadline - 5/7

July 17: ACT offered at area high schools, registration deadline - 6/18

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