



WHS Counseling Department Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS AND REMINDERS

- **Seniors:** Your School Counselor will meet individually with you starting the week of August 19th to discuss the path to graduation, post-secondary plans, and how to use Naviance to send required application materials to colleges/universities. If a recommendation letter is needed for a college application and/or scholarship, students are required to complete the Brag Sheet located on the Counseling Department Schoology page and share it with his/her counselor. As a courtesy, students should ask teachers and counselors for recommendation letters at least 3 weeks prior to the application deadline.

- **All students:** The partnership between you, your parents, and your school counselor is an important one in your success as a high school student and achieving your future goals. Your active participation in your education is necessary; start meeting with your counselor in 9th grade. If you are hoping to qualify for the HOPE Scholarship, you are required to graduate from high school with an academic GPA of 3.0 or higher and complete a minimum of 4 rigor courses. Rigor courses include level 2 and higher of foreign language, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Chemistry/Physics/Microbiology/Human Anatomy, academic/core dual enrollment courses, Adv Algebra Concepts and Connections/College and Career Readiness Math/Statistical Reasoning/Pre-Calculus.

- **All students:** GA tutor will be available starting August 19th. Students can access GA Tutor through their Infinite Campus, click on "More", and click on GA Tutor to sign up. Click [here](#) for additional information.

- **9th grade** social/emotional lesson: Signs of Suicide lesson will take place on August 26th and 29th during Personal Fitness and Health classes. This is a video and discussion based lesson that focuses on how peers can recognize suicide warning signs and why it is important to inform an adult about concerns. Your child will receive an opt out form from his/her health/personal fitness teacher. The opt out form only needs to be signed/returned if you do not want your child participating in this lesson.

- **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes:** Fayette County Schools is offering two choices of free parenting education this fall 2024. Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) is an 8-week class, offered virtually on Mondays. Parenting the Love and Logic Way® is

a 6-week class, offered in person on Tuesdays. Click [here](#) to register for STEP. Click [here](#) to register for Parenting the Love and Logic Way.

→ **Peachstate College Tour** (University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, Augusta University, and Georgia State University) register [here](#) There are virtual and in-person sessions this year. Advanced registration is required!

Click [here](#) for a college visit checklist that may be helpful when comparing different colleges!

CALENDAR & HELPFUL LINKS

CALENDAR:

- **August 27, 2024: Underclass Picture Day**
- **September 2, 2024: Student holiday - no school.**

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

- ACT/SAT test dates and registration: www.act.org & www.sat.org
- 18 programs of study for which FREE tuition is available: <https://tcsq.edu/free-tuition/>
- Kaplan's free SAT and ACT study guide:
https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/free/sat-act-study-guide?utm_source=pc-advisor&utm_medium=offline&utm_term=003C000002HoBpjAF&utm_content=email&utm_campaign=sat-act-study-guide#share

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