

Senior News Class of 2021



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Upcoming Dates:

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- *October and November—*
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ALL SENIORS**
- *November 3—*
**Election Day
(NO SCHOOL)**
- *November 10—*
End of Quarter 1
- *November 10-13—*
Senior Supply Orders
- *November 26-29—*
**Thanksgiving Break
(NO SCHOOL)**

Finally Fall

Seniors and Parents,

This semester is finally starting to settle down and maybe we're in something now that resembles a routine. You know this is my favorite time of year with the weather getting cooler in the mornings and the autumn colors starting to show up on the trees.

With the arrival of Fall comes a lot of activities at the high school. Homecoming and Senior Night are always fun events, and will prove to be again this year, even in the face of Covid-19.

Fall for the Seniors means college applications, retaking SAT or ACT, and thinking about scholarships. You may even want to squeeze in a college visit or two this Fall. Remember, Seniors get two days excused absence to go visit the colleges. I just ask that you e-mail me to let me know when you are going, and then you must get some-

thing in writing from the college to turn in to the attendance desk.

We also had a really positive turn out for senior pictures last month, but we're still missing pictures for a lot of you. Before we move forward with scheduling a make up day, please complete this brief survey to show your interest

<https://forms.gle/hZNYTDiCWdJGzp9A7>

Keep checking the Google Classroom for more information. We're going to have to start scheduling IGP meetings for your senior year as well. Everyone still needs to complete an IGP this year, and those meetings will be done virtually.

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Transcript Requests

Many of you are submitting your applications to college and you are asking for your transcripts to be sent to those colleges.

ALL Transcript requests must be processed online using the link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRM-U_aIT7ue56XQDXBZ8Nv8eeTqqFzPJ7deGttf6es8_ccQ/viewform

Please use this link for every college you apply to. Fill out a new form for each school.

This link should be used whether you are in school or in the Virtual

Program. I'll use this form to track when you apply to a school and when your transcript is processed and sent.

If you do not submit your request using this form then there is no way for me to know what schools you are applying to.

This link can always be found on our Google Classroom page. Join Google Classroom if you haven't done so already using the code:

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WIN Testing

Last spring you were all supposed to take the WIN Test, a state mandated career readiness assessment. Unfortunately, that exam was postponed until this fall.

ALL SENIORS must now take the WIN Career Readiness Assessment this fall. There are no exemptions to this exam and it must be completed by everyone

in the senior class during the fall testing window.

We will administer the WIN Test to all students in school and in the Virtual Program. This exam is administered in person so you may be asked to come to school in small groups for this exam.

The testing window for this Fall is October 19 through November 13.

Students on the hybrid schedule will test on their scheduled day to be in school. Virtual students will be assigned a day to test in small groups.

More information will be e-mailed as we get closer to the exam date so that everyone knows their date and time to test.

Please let me know if you have any questions about WIN Test.

College Applications

College Application Day was a success, and we want you to build on that success throughout the month of October. Please continue to complete your college applications this month and let me know where you have applied. I shared the link on how to request your transcripts get sent to the colleges of your choice. Be sure to use that link so that we can track when your application was complete and when the transcript was processed and sent.

Many of you have discussed that you are waiting to submit your applications, either because of

updated test scores or waiting on transcripts to be sent. Please do not wait to submit college applications. The deadlines that colleges publish are your deadlines, so you want to make sure you submit well before those deadlines. Also, do not wait until you take your SAT or ACT again this Fall. You can submit your application and have the updated test scores arrive later, and the colleges will still consider those new scores.

Be sure to have a parent or teacher proof-read your application before you submit. You want

your best work submitted to the college so read over it for grammatical mistakes and any other errors that would be easy to spot.

Finally, SENIORS, you must work on your applications independently. Do not rely on your parents to fill out your applications on your behalf. Part of the process to prepare for college is being able to work independently. You want your voice to be heard so you must fill out your applications on your own. Parents, teachers, and counselors are all important assets, but the application is all for you!

Scholarships

Starting in the month of October, we will publish a scholarship newsletter with monthly information on how to search and apply for scholarships. This is a valuable resource for you as you look for money for college. It's a good idea to use your free time to search for scholarships and grants that you may be eligible to use when you go to college.

Outside of the scholarship newsletter, students may also be eligible for the HOPE, LIFE, or Pal-

metto Fellows Scholarships. This is money that is awarded to students through the Lottery Tuition Assistance Program. Students may only be eligible for one of these scholarships, and your eligibility is based primarily on your overall GPA. I'll work with you during your IGP meetings to discuss which one is right for you.

Also in the month of October we'll want to work on the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This is the application

process for students and parents to apply for money, typically loans or grants, to attend college. I plan to host an event with financial aid personal to discuss this process with parents because this tends to be a difficult process. Once I have details on this event I will share with everyone. If you move forward with filing your FAFSA be sure you are using the correct forms at FAFSA.gov. You should **never** have to pay for this process.