**Blue Devil Senior College and Career Newsletter #2 (9/29/15)**

**From Mrs. Freeman**

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The CHS Guidance Department is on TWITTER! Follow us **@CHSCounselor483**

**College 101 will be October 26 & 27** in Government class! Seniors will participate in College 101, a one-class event presented by BSCC. This class will answer all questions about the College Process…applying, financial aid, credits, majors, etc! You don’t want to miss.

**INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES:** If you are considering participating in Division I or II athletics as a college freshman, you must register with and be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center. This requires that you take a certain number of core classes and maintain a certain grade point average depending on your ACT/SAT score. Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org for information and to register. When registering for the ACT or SAT, remember that “official” test scores must be sent from the testing agency to the NCAA using the code 9999.

If you are considering participating in athletics at an NAIA school, you must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.playNAIA.org. To be certified by the NAIA, you must meet two of the following three requirements: maintain a 2.0 gpa, score at least an 18 on the ACT, and/or be ranked in the top half of your graduating class.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION -** Males who are 18 years of age must register with the Selective Service System. Register online at www.sss.gov. You must register to be eligible for federal financial aid as well as for financial aid at most colleges.

**Seniors**: To sign up for Remind messages text **719da0** to 81010

Common Application – Here is the link to the list of schools who are members of the Common Application. <https://www.commonapp.org/pdf/commonapplicationmemberschools.pdf>

**Seniors** – When an organization offers a scholarship, it is customary for one to send them THANK YOU note!

**Seniors** – Go to http://hscw-counselorscorner.blogspot.com/2013/10/the-note-you-send-every-college-bound.html for some courtesy protocol in your college application process.

This website has great information on scholarships and grants:

http://www.scholarshipsonline.org/2013/11/generation-google-scholarship.html#more

A great resource for all First Generation College Students! http://www.imfirst.org/

Great web resource for anyone trying to navigate the college admission and financial aid process. From application to acceptance – step by step. www.collegeadmissionbook.com

Common mistakes students make in the college search process http://bit.ly/1HgYeBp

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**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program -** Recognizing young people for outstanding volunteer service. For grades 5-12, qualifying students must be: a legal resident of the United States; have participated in a volunteer activity at least in part after September 1, 2014; and must complete & submit an online application by Nov. 3 at http://www.spirit.prudential.com. CHS may nominate **one** student to represent our school.

**\***Visit this FREE online magazine (Next Step U) for information on all things related to college, career, scholarships, majors, etc. http://www.nextstepu.com/

http://potentialmagazine.com/resources/DigitalIssues- Potential Magazine - Parenting Teens to Achieve - A wonderful FREE online magazine for parents of college-bound teens with tools and resources to help teens reach their goals and *potential*.

**TESTING INFORMATION**

ACT registration is on-line at actstudent.org. **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-760**.

ACT Test Dates Registration Deadlines Late Registration (Late fee required)

October 24, 2015 September 18, 2015 September 19 - October 2, 2015

December 12, 2015 November 6, 2015 November 7 – 20, 2015

February 6, 2016\* January 8, 2016 January 9 - 15, 2016

April 9, 2016 March 4, 2016 March 5 - 18, 2016

June 11, 2016 May 6, 2016 May 7 – 20, 2016

Registration for the SAT I and SAT II subject area tests must be completed online at www.collegeboard.com. **The CHS School Code (CEEB) is 010-760**. http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees.html.

For SAT II subject test dates, go to http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-subject-test-dates.

• For ACT test dates and registration, go to www.actstudent.org.

• For SAT test dates and registration, go to www.collegeboard.com. For help with the SAT essay, go to www.collegeboard.com/scorewrite

• For AP credit policy, go to www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy

**COLLEGE VISITS at CHS**

**University of Alabama Lunchroom visit –**Monday October 5, 2015

**COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES/RECEPTIONS/EVENTS**

These colleges and universities are holding events, either in our area or on their campus. Visit their websites to get further information.

**Auburn University Preview Days (War Eagle Days) -** October 5, November 2, and November 16, 2015. Go to http://www.auburn.edu/admissions/wed/ to register and get more details.

**Birmingham Southern College Preview Days (Sample ‘Southern) -** Mon. September 28 and Mon. October 12, 2015. Go to http://jsu.edu/admissions/preview-day/index.html for details and to register.

**Huntingdon College Preview Days -** Sat., October 3 and Sat., November 7, 2015. Go to http://www.huntingdon.edu/future-students/learn-more/visit/preview-days/ for details and to register.

**Jacksonville State University Preview Days -** October 3, 2015. Go to http://jsu.edu/admissions/preview-day/index.html for details and to register.

**Judson College Preview Days -** September 19 and November 14, 2015. Go to http://www.judson.edu/admissions/visiting-judson/preview-days/ for details and to register.

**Mississippi State University Fall Preview Days** – October 12, October 26 and November 9, 2015. Go to www.admissions.msstate.edu/events for more details and register early!

**Samford University Preview Days -** September 19, October 17, and October 31. Go to http://www.samford.edu/previewdays/ to register for details and to register.

**Savannah College of Art & Design** Information Session in Birmingham, Alabama on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at Space One Eleven (2409 Second Ave. N.). Register at https://goo.gl/bzhrIN.

**Troy University Preview Days -** Register for campus tours (multiple days available) at

https://enroll.troy.edu/Datatel.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/Events.aspx

**University of Alabama at Birmingham Preview Day** (UAB Day in Bartow Arena)- September 26 (Register by September 18)and October 17 (Register by October 9). Go to https://www.uab.edu/students/uab-day for more details and to register.

**University of Alabama at Huntsville Preview Day (Charger Preview Day) -** September 26, 2015. Go to http://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/upcoming-events for details and to register.

**University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa Preview Days (UA Days) -** Monday, October 12, 2015 (Columbus Day); Monday, November 2, 2015; Wednesday, November 11, 2015. Go to http://universitydays.ua.edu/ to register.

**University of Mobile Preview Days (Visit Days) -** September 18, October 16, December 4, 2015. Go to http://umobile.edu/visit/ to register and for more details.

**University of Montevallo Preview Days (Grounds Day) -** Sat. September 12 and Sat. October 31. Go to http://www.montevallo.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/grounds-day/ for details and to register.

**University of North Alabama Preview Day -** November 14, 2015 in Flowers Hall. Go to https://www.una.edu/previewday/ for details and to register online.

**University North Alabama Meet & Greet -** Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Huntsville Holiday Inn- Research Park. This is a come-and-go event. All of our colleges (Arts and Sciences, Business, Nursing, and Education) will have representatives available. University Admissions and Financial Aid representatives will also be present with information about admissions criteria, scholarships, and financial aid options. Register at http://goo.gl/yqgnWq by Monday, October 19 to reserve your spot.

**University of South Alabama Preview Days** (JAGS USA DAY) – October 17 and November 14. Go to www.southalabama.edu/usaday for details and to register online.

**University of West Alabama Preview Days** - Thursday, September 10, and Saturday, October 3, 2015. Go to http://www.uwa.edu/previewday/ for details and to register.

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**

**CHS College Visitation Policy**

Students are encouraged to use vacation days to visit college campuses for the purpose of tours, information, and interviews. A school-day visit may be arranged by following the regulations listed below:

Students are allowed **1** excused day to visit a college. The students may use their college day their senior year.

Prior to the college visit, the students must provide Mrs. Vintson a written note (signed and dated by a parent or guardian in pen) from their parents or guardians granting permission for the college visit absence.

Upon the student’s return from the college visit, the student must provide written verification from the college on college letterhead that confirms the visit.

IMPORTANT: All college visit verifications must be given to the main office the next school day following the approved absence. Both the written verification and the excuse from the student’s parents will be filed to indicate an excused absence. **Both** documents must be on file in the main office in order for the absence to count as an excused college visit.

Please note: **It is the student’s responsibility** to return from his or her college visit with written verification on the school’s letterhead confirming his or her visit. Faxes and letters received in the mail several days after the visit WILL NOT be accepted for verification. Parking decals, copied or original agendas, or a general itinerary WILL NOT be accepted for verification.

**What is a transcript, and how do I request a transcript be sent to the college/university of my choice?**

An official high school transcript will show yearly grades for grades 9, 10, & 11. Standardized test scores (ACT, SAT I & SAT II) will **NOT** be included on those transcripts (those test scores must be sent directly from the testing agencies).

You may request a transcript to be sent to a college by visiting the CHS Counselor’s Corner <http://cordovacounselorscorner.weebly.com/recommendation-letters--transcripts.html> and downloading a transcript request form or by getting a form directly from Mrs. Freeman. Bring completed transcript form to Mrs. Freeman. The address must be for the Admissions Office of the college.

**College Searches (for both two and four year colleges and universities)**

At http://college-scholarships.com/alabama.htm Links to and contact information for all two and four-year colleges in Alabama, as well as information about career schools and colleges, and colleges offering online degree programs. Similar pages exist for all of the other states. **Alabama Colleges and Universities** www.50states.com/college/alabama.htm A listing of all four year colleges and universities in Alabama, web address, contact phone numbers, and general information

**Alabama Community Colleges** www.50states.com/cc/alabama.htm A listing of all two year colleges in the state of Alabama, web address, contact phone numbers, and general information

**Alabama Mentor:** www.alabamamentor.org An online source for higher education information and online applications for the state of Alabama. A student can find the college that is right for him or her, check out exciting tools to make the path to college worry free, apply to colleges online, and pursue financial aid.

**AnyCollege.com** www.anycollege.com If you are looking for college information or an online college search tool, AnyCollege.com is the place to look. Their resources include search tools, scholarship drawings, college information request forms, info on featured colleges and universities, and other resources.

**CollegeXpress** http://www.collegexpress.com/reg/signup Use this website to search for the right college and get advice about admissions, applications, financial aid, college sports, student life, and entrance exams.

**College View**: www.collegeview.com One of the most detailed search engines on the Internet, with wide-ranging criteria that includes diversity, field of study, religious affiliation, athletics, special programs, and services for the disabled. It provides facts on every school throughout the United States and has a scholarship search engine.

**eCampusTours.com (Making College A Virtual Reality)** Features over 1,200 featured campuses / financial aid, college and career planning / Online registration for campus visits / 10,000 independent scholarship programs / $40 million in scholarship nationwide / 1.5 million scholarships available

**NOMINATIONS**

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Scholarship Information via the Internet

**College Tool Kit**: www.CollegeToolkit.com

**Fastweb**: www.fastweb.com

**Scholarships.com:** www.scholarships.com

**School Soup** http://www.schoolsoup.com/

**Weekly Scholarship Alert** www.weeklyscholarshipalert.com/

NEW! From jlvcollegecounseling.com - **44 college scholarships and contests with September deadlines.** http://bit.ly/1KwR5wI

NEW! From jlvcollegecounseling.com - **48 college scholarships and contests with October deadlines.** http://bit.ly/1PwIfA7

**Volunteer/community service scholarship opportunities-** To find out about a variety of scholarships available for volunteering and community service, go to http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/service.phtml.

Scroll down the page to see the list of scholarships.

**Auburn University Scholarship Changes** – www.auburn.edu/scholarships

• Incoming students must complete the scholarship application by **February 10** instead of February 15 to receive consideration for scholarships.

• Students planning to receive consideration for scholarships must complete the admission application with all required materials received by the **January 15** application for admission priority deadline. Students who elect to test after the December ACT and SAT test dates are advised Auburn University **cannot guarantee** scores will be received and processed by the February 10 scholarship application deadline.

• The Technology Stipend has been **omitted** from the Spirit of Auburn Presidential Scholarship and the Academic Presidential Scholarship. National Scholars Presidential Scholarship recipients will continue to receive it.

• The test score requirements for a Spirit of Auburn Presidential Scholarship have changed from 32-36 to **33-36** and for a Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship have changed from 30-31 to **30-32**. This is a return to the original test score requirements when the program was first introduced Fall 2006 for students enrolling Fall 2007.

• The award amount for a Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship has decreased from tuition, currently valued at $35,232 over four years at $8,808 per year, to **$32,000** over four years at **$8,000** per year. For 2015-16, the difference in award amount between a Spirit of Auburn Presidential Scholarship and a Spirit of Auburn Founders Scholarship is $808.

• The award amount for a Spirit of Auburn University Scholarship has increased from $12,000 over four years at $3,000 per year to **$16,000** over four years at **$4,000** per year, an increase of $1,000 per year.

• The name for Elite Scholarships is changing to **Plainsman Prestigious Scholarships**, and the Plainsman Prestigious Scholarship application deadline is moving from early January to **December 1**, which will require students to complete the application for admission by **November 15** instead of December 1.

NEW $1,000 Scholarship for 9th-12th grade students living in Alabama. Students will automatically be entered to win when they sign up for the free weekly Countdown to College eNewsletter containing ACT/SAT prep tips, college prep info, scholarship opportunities, and more. Sign up at x.co/alc2c.

**FantasySportsDaily.com** is a leading provider of resources and sports information focused on the growing popularity of daily fantasy sports in the US and Canada. Fantasy Sports Daily is proud to offer ongoing college scholarship awards for students aspiring to achieve higher education. Our general scholarship rewards students who are looking to better themselves, who have goals and dreams, and who are committed to achieving a college degree and a successful future. US residents who are 16 years of age or older are encouraged to apply for our scholarships. High school students, undergraduate students, master degree students, and adult learners

are all also encouraged to apply. **Deadline to apply is October 1, 2015.** Students can apply online at

https://www.fantasysportsdaily.com/scholarship/.

**Wendy’s High School Heisman** - If you’re a high school senior dedicated to learning, leading and performing, you have exactly what it takes to become a **Wendy’s High School Heisman**. Eligibility begins with maintaining a GPA of 3.0 (B average) or better. Applicants also need to be proven leaders and role models within their school and community. And applicants must perform in at least one of the 43 school sponsored sports recognized by the International Olympic Committee in the Summer and Winter Olympic Games or the National Federation of State High School Association**. Deadline to apply is October 2, 2015**. Go to WendysHeisman.com to apply TODAY!

**National Young Arts Foundation 2016 Program**: High School students in grades 10-12 that are selected will be able to participate in National YoungArts Week or regional programs. Applications are accepted in the following categories: Cinema, Dance, Design Arts, jazz, Music, Photography, Theater, Visual Arts, Voice and Writing and Spoken Word. **Deadline is October 17**. Applications available online at www.youngarts.org/apply.

**Ayn Rand Essay Contest** – Ayn Rand’s novels are inspiring and intellectually challenging. The Ayn Rand Institute sponsors an annual essay contest that offers 500 prizes and over $90,000 in prize money every year. For details, choose from the subjects shown at https://www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests. **Deadlines are October 23, 2015 and April 29, 2016.**

**Horatio Alger Scholarship Program 2016** – Go to scholars.horatioalger.org for the online application. **Deadline for application is October 25, 2015.** As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as critical financial need.

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation Scholarship** – **Deadline to apply is October 31, 2015**. Apply online at http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/applicants/#programs. **The Coca-Cola Scholars Program Scholarship** is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Eligibility: Current high school seniors attending school in the U.S.; U.S. Citizens; Anticipating completion of high school diploma at the time of application; Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution; Carrying a minimum 3.00 GPA at the end of their junior year of high school.

**Linley Heflin Scholarship –** Females applying to a four year college/university. Minimum 23 ACT with 2.5 GPA http://www.linlyheflin.org/scholarship-information/

**DISH Scholarship -** Essay question - 2014 Nielsen reports show that the average American watches over 5 hours of television every day. What are the pros and cons of this mass amount of media consumption? **Enter to win by December 1, 2015**. Apply at http://www.dish2u.com/scholarships.

**The 2016 Elk’s Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest** is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications for the 2016 contest are available to download NOW. **The application must be submitted to the Elks Lodge nearest to the applicant's home by December 4, 2015.** Go to http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm to download the 2016 Most Valuable Student scholarship application. Eligibility: Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. College students are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; permanent legal resident status does not qualify. Male and female students compete separately.

**AXA Achievement Scholarship -** Awarded to students who exhibit ambition and drive; determination to set and reach goals; respect for self, family and community; and ability to succeed in college. **Deadline to apply is Dec. 15, 2015.** Apply at https://goo.gl/EqjIvo.

**AXA Achievement Community Scholarship** will be available in October 2015 at https://us.axa.com/axa-foundation/community-scholarships.html.

**SportsQuest Playing with Purpose Scholarship for Christian Student Athletes** – Go to www.playingwithpurpose.org. Applying student athletes must meet ALL of the following criteria: Currently a high school sophomore, junior, or senior: Maintains a minimum “C” grade average or higher; Currently a varsity level athlete in one or more sports; A committed follower of Christ who embodies the Playing with Purpose message. **Deadline for application is February 1, 2016**.

**Mensa Foundation College Scholarship Program** bases its awards totally on essays written by the applicants. Consideration is not given to grades, academic program or financial need. **The scholarship application process opens Sept. 15 and closes Jan. 15.** Determine eligibility and begin the U.S. process at http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/. U.S. applicants need not be Mensa members.

**Alabama Home Builders Foundation Scholarship – Deadline to apply is March 15, 2016**. For students who plan to study building trades. Application is available online at http://ahbfoundation.org/index.php/scholarships/. Eligibility: Must be a resident of Alabama; Must be enrolling in, or attending, a junior college, technical school or university in Alabama; Must be enrolled in a residential construction-related curriculum.

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**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

STEM JOBS Magazine – Information about job opportunities available in STEM majors. www.stemjobs.com

Go Build Alabama – Find out how you can make an impact! Go to www.gobuildalabama.com to browse through a list of trades and see where your talents might be best served then search their databases to find career opportunities, training programs, community college and more pertaining to skilled workers.

On The Job - A television show that showcases unique and often overlooked companies and educational opportunities in Alabama. On The Job provides an educational and informative outlet designed to give Alabama citizens a look at jobs available to them and the education and skills required to get these jobs and improve their lives. http://onthejobtv.org/site/

Job information - For information about jobs in the state of Alabama, go to www.alabamajobs.com.

Navy High Tech Opportunities – www.navy.com

**MILITARY**

For information on the military branches, go to www.military.com. If you would like to speak with a local recruiter, let Mrs. Freeman know and she can assist you with contacting any military branch.