

COUNSELING CONNECTION

Monthly Newsletter of the Gibbs High School Counseling Dept.

UPCOMING DATES

CORE Lesson
SEPTEMBER 20

Suicide Prevention Week
 **SEPTEMBER 20-24** 

College & Career Fair
SEPTEMBER 28

Senior ACT
OCTOBER 5

CORE Lesson
OCTOBER 4

Parent Teacher Conferences
OCTOBER 7

Nine-week Grading Period Ends
OCTOBER 8

College App Month



2021



College App Month Events:

9.7.21-9.16.21

- Senior Meetings with School Counselors

9.14.21

- Senior Family Night @ GHS
 - 5pm visit with college recruiters
 - 6pm Financial Aid 101 Presentation

9.22/9.24/9.29/10.1

- Application help during all lunches

10.4 & 10.18

- CORE Lessons for all grade levels on College & Career Readiness

Ongoing

- Counselors meeting with Juniors in ACT Prep to introduce SCOIR
- Counselors meeting with Freshman to introduce YouScience



It's College App Month in Tennessee!

Counselors have been meeting 1:1 with each of our Class of 2022 Seniors over the past few days, and we are thrilled to be hearing about all the exciting things our students have planned for after graduation.

One thing we would like to share is about the word usage of "**college**" when it comes to discussing postsecondary planning or "life after high school." College is any school/program that a student enrolls in after receiving their high school diploma that offers a certificate or degree for completing courses. Examples include but are not limited to: trade schools, 2-year colleges, & 4-year universities. Many of our students plan to enroll in one of these types of programs after high school, and they are all considered college programs.

Starting in October, we are also leading CORE lessons for all grade levels 9-12 addressing College & Career Readiness at all levels. These lessons include ways that students can be preparing for postsecondary plans at every stage of their high school career. We hope that by sharing this information early and often, our students will be best prepared to enter the next stage of life confidently and qualified.

Looking for our most up to date **Underclassmen** information and resources? Check out this [link](#) to our webpage just for you!



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Class of 2022

SENIOR SPOT

SENIOR CHECKLIST: Class of 2022

- Apply for TN Promise by 11/1/21**

Each senior will apply for TN Promise regardless of their postsecondary plan. If you are going to a 4 year college, apply anyway. You never know when you may need this Plan B! If community college is your plan A, apply now. If you are going to trade school at TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology), TN Promise pays for your education there, too. Each student will keep their username/password they set up with TSAC. I promise that you will need this information again this year! If you lose your login information or get locked out of your account, you will call the TSAC help desk as we do not have access to those in our office.
- Visit Campus**

All Seniors are offered TWO excused absences for college visits during their senior year. Stop by the counseling office to pick up your permission slip. Sign up for an official visit on your school(s) of choice's website.
- Check for application deadlines & apply, apply, apply!**

Many schools have early Fall application and decision deadlines, so make sure you are checking the website for any school you are interested in for their application deadline. For example, UTK's Early Action deadline is November 1st and their Regular Admissions deadline is December 15th.
- Create FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov**

Whether you're a student, parent, or borrower, you'll need to create your own account to complete federal student aid tasks. It's important to understand that the student and the parent may not share an FSA ID. Your FSA ID is your signature, so it has to be unique to you.
- Complete 2021-22 FAFSA by 2/1/22 (window opens 10/1/21)**

Before each year of college, apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. Your college uses your FAFSA data to determine your federal aid eligibility. Many states and colleges use FAFSA data to award their own aid. After submission, you'll receive your Student Aid Report.
- Apply for Scholarships**

One of the best sources of scholarship and financial aid information is the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at the college to which you are applying. Be sure to visit each college's website and follow that individual school's instructions regarding any required forms and/or deadlines. Other opportunities include State Monies, Scholarships Requiring Nomination, and Private & Independent Scholarships.



TENNESSEE Promise

Application Deadline 11/1/21



Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA HELP SESSIONS


FALL	Thursday, OCTOBER 28 5:30-7:30
SPRING	Thursday, JANUARY 13 5:30-7:30
WHAT TO BRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's Social Security Number • Income tax returns, W-2's, other records of money earned & untaxed income • Bank Statements & records of investments • FSA ID to sign electronically (fsaid.ed.gov)

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