# PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

College Planning 2020

Wolverine Cafeteria



# South Georgia College tour



### November 20th-22nd

See Miss Sadler or Miss Parnell for more details.

Open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Only 12 spots available





# TONIGHT'S POWER POINT WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE...SO NO NEED TO TAKE NOTES!



# PARENTING 101...TIPS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS I'VE LEARNED THROUGH THE YEARS



College applications may be a long way off or right around the corner...but it is crucial to start a strong foundation in 9<sup>th</sup> grade (earlier than that)



Develop good study habits (get good sleep!)



Set age appropriate parameters (use of technology is a big TIME robber)



Be a fan of "choices and consequences"



Let your child be responsible for their classes but "Be the parent" and intervene when necessary (make sure to check facts with teacher, RenWeb, etc.)

# BEHAVE! WHAT HAPPENS TODAY IS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, INSTAGRAM, AND SNAPCHAT TOMORROW!

Social Media should be used cautiously especially by teenagers!!! They Loved Your G.P.A.... Then They Saw Your Tweets.

Counselor
Evaluations often
include questions
pertaining to
behavior of student.
Many college
applications ask if
student has been
suspended, expelled
or had discipline
issues

Behavior is very important in high school and can influence college admissions decisions. Kaplan Test Prep recently published survey results about social media and college admissions. They surveyed approximately 400 college admissions officers and found that 40% visit applicant's social media pages

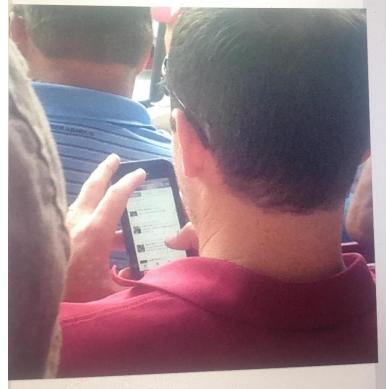
Employers often look at social media and form first opinions before interview. Varsity App. "How can I find you on social media?"



#### Brett Birdsong

May 29, 2015 · Instagram · ❸

Good image for kids. This is a scout at the Auburn vs College of Charlston game. The CofC pitcher is projected to be a high draft pick. He radar gun'd him the whole 6 innings he pitched - then when he came out this guy took out his phone and looked up the CofC guys Twitter account and started looking through it. Be careful what you put out there.



# WHAT ARE COLLEGES LOOKING FOR?

#1...Core high school grades-Low grades from 9th and 10th are hard to pull up in 11th and 12th!

#### #2...SAT/ACT scores

#3...Rigor of coursework (Honors, Dual, AP's -balance is important, choose to take rigorous coursework in subjects you enjoy the most)

#4...Counselor evaluation/Teacher evaluation

#5...Co-Curricular Activities (clubs, athletics, fine arts, church youth group; committed & dedicated in a few activities is usually better that a little involvement in numerous activities)

#6...Community Service/Volunteer Work

#7...Essays, resume/portfolio

# YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW....ALL GRADES COUNT FROM NOW UNTIL GRADUATION!

□ Transcript is record of all grades earned in high school includes SAT/ACT, numerical avg., overall GPA

■ When you apply to college, they most likely will only see through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, you can send in additional transcript after Sem.1 grades are in senior year

### SAMPLE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

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Accredited by: SACS, ACSI			Date Printed						
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		26.x120	09	2006-2007	99	1.00	Prince /	Avenue Christia	n School
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		A = 90-100	4.0	100-110	5.0	
		B = 80-89	3.0	90-99	4.0	
		C = 70-79	2.0	80-89	3.0	
Lisa Ricketts, Director of Academic Counseling	Date	F = Below 70	0.0	70-79	2.0	
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### YEAR BY YEAR:

### 9th Grade:

Make Good Grades & take rigor of coursework suitable for college aspirations.

### 10th Grade:

Make Good Grades, & take rigor of coursework suitable for college aspirations, practice for college entrance exams by taking Practice ACT & PSAT, Talk about general college plans

### High School

#### 11th Grade:

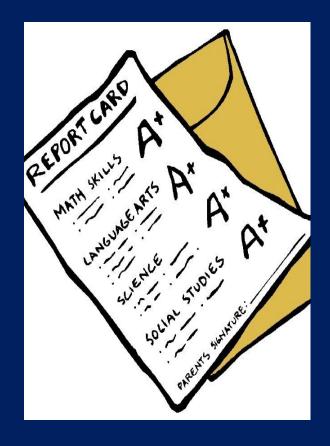
Make Good Grades, & take rigor of coursework suitable for college aspirations, practice for college entrance exams by taking SAT/ACT prep classes, take PSAT in Oct., Take REAL SAT/ACT at a local school, start visiting colleges

### 12th Grade:

Make Good Grades, & take rigor of coursework suitable for college aspirations, take REAL SAT/ACT at a local school, visit colleges, APPLY to colleges...

# CORE GRADES #1 FACTOR IN COLLEGE **ADMISSIONS**

(INCLUDING RIGOR)



### SAT/ACT **#2 FACTOR IN COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

### **Education Facts**

Serving Size: 1 SAT Test

Servings per container: 1 (or 2, or 3)

Minutes 225	Minutes of break 20
	% Daily Value
Reading	33%
Math	33%
Writing	33%
Year established	1926
Grading scale (r	no essay) 1600
Test takers (201	4) 1.67 mil



### **Education Facts**

Serving Size: 1 ACT Test

Servings per container: 1 (or 2, or 3)

Minutes 175	Minutes of break 25
	% Daily Value
Reading	25%
Math	25%
Writing	25%
Science	25%
Year established	1959
Grading scale	36
Test takers (2014	) 1.85 mil

GRAPHICS BY ASHWINI BANDI

### SAT/ACT-PREP

- SAT/ACT Test Prep Class 11th grade / 5 Points Prep on Campus
  - 2 Options for SAT/ACT test prep: TBD
    - 1. T/Th classes- 5:00-7:00pm Aug. 20, 22, 27, 29 Sept. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 24, 29 ~OR~
    - 2. Saturday classes 9am 1pm Aug. 17, 24, 31 Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 12, 19

<u>Cost:</u> Because we recognize the importance of test prep...we have chosen to pay a portion (\$100) of the \$500 fee per student. **Parents must pay \$400 per student for the class.** This group fee for 36 hours of prep is a 75% savings from 5PP normal rates!

The deadline to register is August 2. Register Online

We encourage juniors to take REAL ACT/SAT after this class!

- > PSAT\* (practice SAT) 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade Oct. 16 @ Prince
- Practice ACT\* 10<sup>th</sup> grade Nov. 22 @ Prince
- Still need tutoring? Contact test prep company and work on target areas, bring score report

\*no registration required

# COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ACT/SAT

### \* **A C T** (offered 7 times a year)

- Math, English, Reading, Science & Writing
- Optional Essay (check with college)
- Total highest possible score = 36 (36 each section, averaged for a composite score)
- No wrong answer penalty

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### \* SA T | Reasoning Test (offered 7 times a year)

- Math, ERW/Evidence Based Reading & Writing
- Optional Essay (check with college)
- Total highest possible score = 1600 (800 each section)
- No wrong answer penalty
- SAT II Subject Test-for students who have taken AP courses and plan on attending highly selective colleges

	Evidence Based Reading & Writing	Math	Max.TOTAL
SAT	800	800	1600
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums	<ul><li>430 research, comprehensive, or state university</li><li>330 state college</li></ul>	<ul><li>400 research, comprehensive, or state university</li><li>310 state college</li></ul>	
	Reading	Writing & Language	Math
SAT	Reading 40	Writing & Language	Math 40

# **NEWEST SAT**

#### **Your Total Score**

#### 38th

Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

SAT User Percentile -National

#### **Essay Scores**

6 12 to 8 Reading

3 | 2 to 8 Analysis

6 12 to 8 Writing

#### **Section Scores**

490 | 200 to 800 Your Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score

460 | 200 to 800 Your Math Score

44th Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

31st SAT User Percentile -National



the benchmark

32nd Nationally Representative Sample Percentile

21st SAT User Percentile — National

You scored below the benchmark.

#### **Test Scores**

26 | 10 to 40

23 | 10 to 40

23.0 | 10 to 40

Writing and Language

Math

#### Cross-Test Scores | 10 to 40

Analysis in History/Social Studies

Reading

Analysis in Science

#### Subscores | 1 to 15

9 Command of Evidence

Words in Context

Expression of Ideas Standard English Conventions

#### 7

Heart of Algebra

Problem Solving and Data Analysis

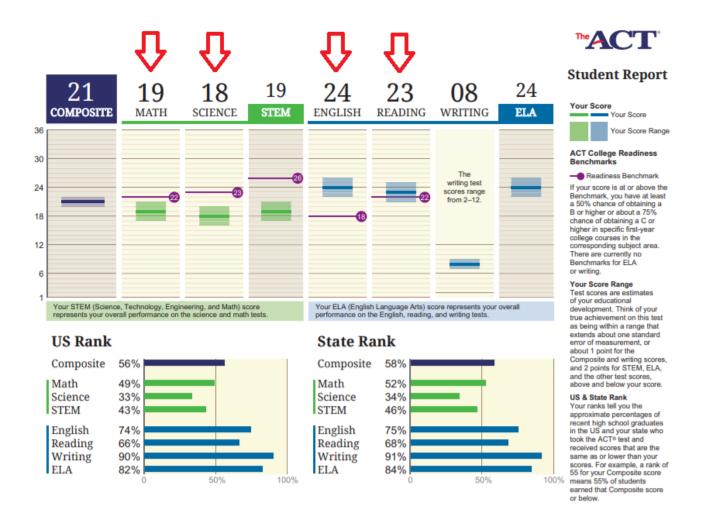
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Passport to Advanced Math

	COMPOSITE	Math	Science	English	Reading
ACT	36	36	36	36	36
State of Georgia Board of Regents Minimums		17 research, comprehensive, or state university 14 state		17 research, comprehensive, or state university 12 state college	

# **ACT**



# 2019-2020 COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS ACT/SAT

## SAT Test Dates (Sat. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)

- August 24, 2019
- October 5, 2019
- November 2, 2019
- December 7, 2019
- March 14, 2020
- May 2, 2020
- June 6, 2020

#### ACT Test Dates (Sat. Natl. Testing Days @ local HS)

- September 14, 2019
- October 26, 2019
- December 14, 2019
- February 8, 2020
- April 4, 2020
- June 13, 2020
- July 18, 2020

#### ACT/SAT "Weekday Testing" at PRINCE (GISA-only for our 11th/12th students)

- ACT October 1, 2019 \*deadline to register has passed
- SAT March 25, 2020

### SAT/ACT-REGISTRATION

- ✓ Prince Ave. does not register you for these tests, you must do so online and take at a local school of your choice (except for the 2 weekday tests we offer on campus)
- ✓ Register: SAT <u>www.sat.collegeboard.org</u>
- ✓ Register: ACT www.actstudent.org
- Pay close attention to test dates and deadlines
- √ Fees app. \$50 each
- ✓ Essay/writing portion (check with college)
- Must upload photo due to security measures
- ✓ Pick 4 colleges to release scores when you register for FREE...after test you can go back and send scores for about \$10 per school. Pay attention to admission deadlines. (SAT/ACT different: score choice-choose which ones to send or send all)
- CAUTION: create only one account!!

### **GEORGIA COLLEGE TIERS**

#### **☐** Research Universities

 UGA, GT, Ga. State Univ., Augusta Univ. (formerly Ga. Regents & Medical College of Ga.)

### Comprehensive Universities/Regional

- GSU, Kennesaw, Univ. of West Georgia, Valdosta State, etc.

#### **☐** State Universities

 Columbus State Univ., GC&SU, Middle Georgia State Univ., Univ. of North Georgia-D, etc.

### **☐** State Colleges

ABAC, Dalton State College, East Georgia State College, Georgia
 Gwinnett College, Univ. of North Georgia-W, etc.

### ☐ <u>Technical Colleges</u>

- Athens Tech, etc.

# RECENT YEAR TRENDS...WHAT I'VE SEEN FROM OUR COLLEGE ADMITS

- □ Research University-4.0 CORE GPA, 26-32 ACT, Avg. SAT1300
  - lowest I've seen admitted
  - 3.5 CORE GPA
  - 1100 SAT (M&V only)
  - 24 ACT Composite
- □ Comprehensive/State University 3.5 CORE GPA, 22-29 ACT, Avg. SAT 1100
- □ State Colleges -
- □ Technical Colleges-

### CLASS OF 2023 ADMISSION STATS



(AVERAGE)

**GPA: 3.6** 

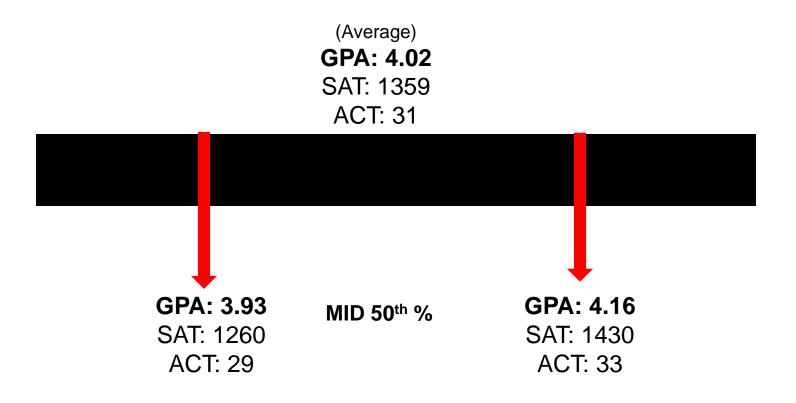
SAT: 1216

ACT: 27



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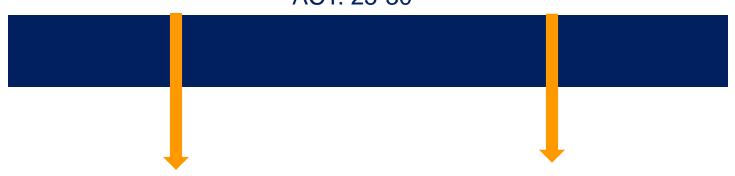


(Average)

**GPA: 3.89** 

SAT: 1150-1310

ACT: 25-30



MID 50th %

# COLLEGE VISITATION PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCE

- □ Use "Pre-arranged absence form" for this. Must be approved before you leave for visit.
- □ College Visits allowed per year
  - 4 for seniors
  - 2 for juniors
- □ Open House/or Make an appointment
- □ Plan ahead... Don't just show up!

# THE PROCESS BEGINS...ORGANIZATION IS KEY!

- □ Very important tip...there will be many online registrations in your future. For example: SAT, ACT, GAfutures, college applications, FAFSA.
  - o *OLD SCHOOL:* Start a college folder and write on inside flap the site, user name, password
  - o *TECHNO SAVVY*: IPhone, Ipad, etc. use the notes section for site, user name, password
- DO NOT EVER CREATE MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT!!
- Organized people don't miss deadlines!

# What's new with UCA. and the SAT?

In the Spring of 2016, the College Board will release their newly redesigned SAT test, and the Essay portion will be optional. So which one will you need to submit to UGA?

### Applying for Summer/Fall 2016 or Spring 2017 admission?

Submit test scores from SAT (old version) or ACT (with optional writing section) to UGA. UGA will **not accept** the new SAT for these terms.



### Applying for Summer/Fall 2017 admission?

UGA will accept either the old or new version of the SAT for these terms. The Essay/Writing component for the SAT or ACT is not required for UGA.



\*UGA will continue to superscore the SAT and the ACT using Critical Reading/Writing and Math sections on the new SAT and the English and Math sections on ACT.

# EACH COLLEGE IS UNIQUE...

### YOU MUST CHECK THEIR REQUIREMENTS

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

## ♦ Fill out application ONLINE, READ DIRECTIONS!!

- ONLINE (google college name, admissions, look for application, this varies per college ...
  - private application
  - www.gafutures.org (Georgia Southern uses)
  - www.commonapp.org
  - <a href="http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org">http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org</a> (\*uga tip)

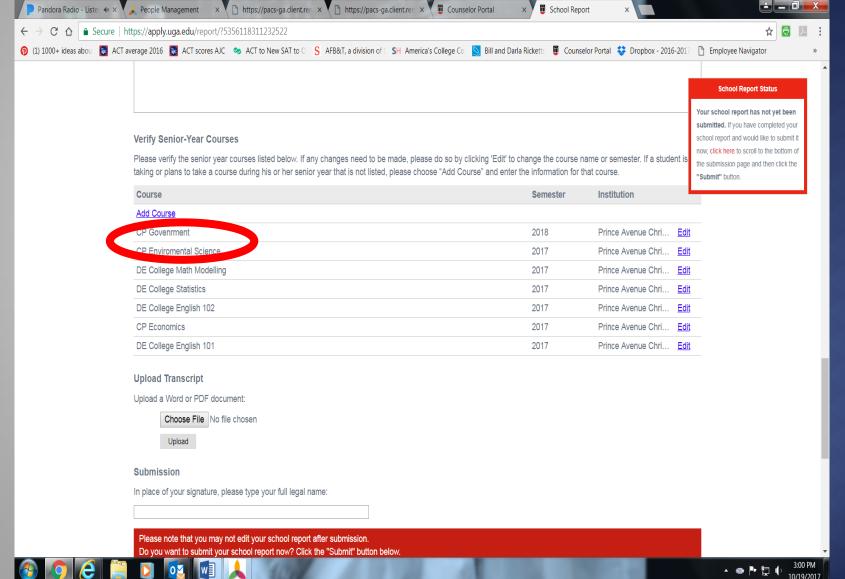
Remember...Colleges are all different...examples:

- GT: common app. & coalition app.
- UGA: private app. & coalition app.
- Berry: private app. & common app.
- beneficial to use common app if most of the colleges you are applying to use common app. Fill out 1 app.

# COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR

- All colleges have different specific requirements.... Essays, resumes, counselor/teacher evaluations, self report grades, etc.
- Make sure to proof and spellcheck everything including essays!
- Don't wait until the last minute...be organized and pay attention to deadlines
- Pay fee & Hit submit!
- Apply to more than one college, backup!
- Make sure you save and keep copies

# Don't do this... Govenment/Enviromental



### **UGA APP UPDATES:**

### EA/Early Action RD/Regular Decision

- 1. New deadlines: (be careful of holidays)
  - EA Oct. 15 for students/Oct. 22 for counselor/Dec. 1 decision
  - RD Jan. 1 for students/Reg. Decision/ Mid March decision
- 2. Can submit application via UGA site or Coalition site (use UGA)
- 3. Can submit optional Teacher Rec.
- 4. essays req by all now (EA & RD)
  - 1 mandatory
  - 2 optional out of 4

### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

## Request <u>Counselor/Teacher Letters of Recommendation</u> be submitted (if required)

- For Counselor Rec.
  - please mark on the "Transcript Request Form" how you need it submitted, (via email link, mailed, etc.), deadline to submit, is there a special form?
- For Teacher Rec.
  - o ask teachers that you have a good reputation with and allow plenty of time for them to write a great recommendation well before the deadline, email them or verbally ask. Make sure to tell them how you need it submitted (via email link, mailed...include address, etc.), deadline to submit, is their a special form or can they just send a letter?
- May want to give your resume to counselor/teachers (so they know what to brag on!)
- IMPORTANT: Discipline issues are often included on counselor evaluations
- If PAPER form, have teachers turn in to Mrs. Ricketts to mail in with transcript or attach electronically with transcript. OR provide teacher with LINK to submit.
- If you have to put in counselor/teacher name...Make sure you know how to spell name & that you type in correct email. Wrong email address/name means email will not get there.

### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**



Must send a TRANSCRIPT of grades to each college!



For Office Use Only Date Sent

### **Transcript Request**

By completing and submitting this form, you are authorizing Prince Avenue Christian School to release all records requested to the indicated institution.

#### STUDENT INFORMATION

Date of Request:	Year of Graduation:				
Name	Social Security No. (alumni only):				
E-Mail:	Phone:				
Counselor packets for the student are submitted to the institution and our school profile. Each college is unique and accepts require your responsibility to check with the college admissions office to receiving them. Please attach any additional forms required.					
Please select ONE method for sending transcript form TIP: If you are sending to a college in Georgia and did not use cor	below: nmon app, please select electronically via GaFutures.				
☐ Mail Transcript	Send transcript electronically via:				
	☐ GaFutures				
Mail Transcript and (check all that apply):	Common App				
<ul> <li>Counselor evaluation (attached)</li> </ul>	Send Edu College's Private site:				
Counselor evaluation online. I've emailed link.					
Senior schedule	Other:				
☐ Teacher recommendation (attached)					
Other:	Pick up an OFFICIAL Transcript. I understand				
_	this will be in a sealed envelope and must remain				
Send a PDF transcript for me to upload. My email	sealed to be considered official.				
address is listed above.	☐ Pick up an UNOFFICIAL Transcript				
	RSHIP INFORMATION r scholarship request per form.)				
College or Scholarship Name:					
Mailing Address:					
City:	State: Zip:				
Signature	(Required)				
Please Note:	XT/ACT scores to be sent directly from the testing agency. It is your				

- Transcripts are provided at no charge.
- Allow 3-5 business days for processing.

### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

- □ Fill out a "<u>Transcript Request Form</u>" to have high school grades sent to a college or organization. Forms are located in:
  - ✓ High School Office
  - School website <u>www.princeave.org</u> (click on quick links, transcript request)
- Colleges/scholarship organizations all have different requirements of how they prefer to receive transcripts. You will need to check with the college to see their preferred method of receiving transcripts. Be sure to include correct address or electronic agency of college/organization \*\*\*YOU MUST LOOK THIS UP ON THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS WEBSITE. Examples:
  - Via mail-be sure to include correct address of college admissions office
  - Send Transcript electronically via:
    - Common App
    - Coalition App
    - Send Edu
    - GaFutures (for all colleges in Georgia) \*I prefer sending this way if they allow
    - Private upload to college via their portal

#### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

- □ You MUST fill out a "Transcript Request Form" for EACH colleges you apply to, including: Colleges that you apply to via Common App., Ga. Futures, etc. Where you have to enter my email address and they state they will email me requesting your transcript and other needed documents... You still MUST FILL OUT A TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM. The form alerts me to make sure I send your transcript even if I do not receive any other notification which sometimes happens due to technology, email address entered incorrectly (ex. student entered "Irickets@princeave.org" which is misspelled, I never got the email and student missed their deadline), etc.
- Be sure to include any special instructions they require, (i.e. mail transcript and senior schedule, mail transcript and fill out attached "Counselor Evaluation" form, mail transcript and fill out "Counselor Evaluation" form online... I have emailed the link to you, etc.
- □ For many online portals, you must have submitted your application before I can send any needed documents. Read directions...
- □ Give completed "<u>Transcript Request Form</u>" to the HS Secretary or put in Mrs. Ricketts' box. Make sure you have signed it at the bottom.

#### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

- Mrs. Ricketts will send Transcript and requested items either by mail or electronically (whichever method you choose on form). Transcripts will not be released to students with financial holds, Transcripts are provided at no charge, Allow 3-5 business days for processing. A confirmation email will be sent to you to notify that transcript has been sent, if you provide your email address in the appropriate space.
- DON'T FORGET!!... Have you sent your SAT/ACT scores directly from testing agency to college??? Log back in and choose "additional score report, etc." (some small colleges will take from transcript)



### COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR EXTRAS:

- □ If it is recommended, consider it required!
- □ Early Action v/s Regular Admission?
  - Early Action-Normal EA deadline is mid-October. You must have really high grades with rigor, a decent SAT or ACT score, and favorable Counselor Evaluation, these are the main things they'll look at.
  - There are 3 things that can happen when you apply "Early Action"
    - 1. you can get ACCEPTED (watch for "binding")
    - 2. you can get DENIED and can only re-apply later as a transfer student after you have attended another college for a certain amount of time
    - 3. you can get DEFERRED and will have to submit more paperwork (ie. Essays, teacher evaluations, etc.) After you do that then you will get accepted or denied.
  - Regular Decision-Normal RD deadline is first of January for large schools and varies greatly among other colleges. You have to submit app., transcript, SAT or ACT scores, Counselor Evaluation, all the essays, teacher evaluations, etc.
    - You get either ACCEPTED or DENIED

#### **COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS/SENIOR YEAR**

#### **EXTRAS**:

- What is <u>Self-reporting</u>? (need unofficial transcript)
  - You enter your HS grades/credits on your application. The reason colleges do this is because this speeds up the decision timelines by about 4 weeks.
  - You have one set of grades to input, where if the college did it for everyone, they have over 20,000 sets of grades, which is a lot of grades. This way, we can have the self reported grades in our system, we can verify these grades by a review of the transcript and make any needed changes as needed, but the initial data is already in our system for initial analysis of the applicant pool to cut down on data entry delay.
- What is <u>Super-scoring?</u> process by which colleges consider your highest section scores across all the dates you took the SAT or ACT. Most colleges do this for admissions but most scholarship committees do not.

	ACT Date	Eng	Math	Read	Sci	Composite
•	04/12/2014	29	23	34	25	28
٠	06/14/2014	26	20	28	27	25
٠	09/13/2014	25	25	35	34	30
÷	<b>SUPERSCORE</b>	29	25	35	34	31

<sup>\*\*31</sup> is a very competitive ACT score (36 is perfect)

### ATTENTION!!!

# Deadlines are Important!

- EARLY ACTION at most Universities is mid Oct. (UGA-Oct. 15, GT-Oct. 15, KSU-Nov. 1)
- <u>REGULAR DECISION</u> Varies by college, some well into Spring (UGA-Jan. 1, KSU-Mar. 1, GSU-May 1)
- Bottom line...you must check deadlines!

### RESUME....USED FOR SOME COLLEGE APPS AND SCHOLARSHIP APPS

- Work on a personal resume/portfolio at the end of 9<sup>th</sup> grade...you'll forget by senior year! *Tip: After Honors Day in May* 
  - Clubs, activities, leadership positions, volunteer work, awards, etc.
  - Can keep on computer using your own format or Family Connection/Naviance or www.gafutures.org has a place to do this (my student portfolio)
- Used for job interviews, college/scholarship applications, & to help teachers with letters of recommendation.

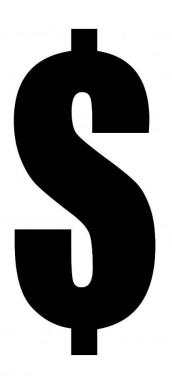
#### **HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?**



#### THE GOOD NEWS FIRST!

- □ From School Handbook/Briarwood Christian School in Shelby, Alabama...Is there a fee for Dual Enrollment courses? Yes. For the 2018-19 school year, a 3-hour DE course is typically \$408. This amount covers all JSCC tuition and fees for one semester. For the year-long course, each semester would be \$408, or a full-year course for \$816.
- My personal experience: Prince Graduate with 21 hours or 7 college classes (DE)= \$2856 (x 3 girls = \$8568)
- We are getting a great deal!!!!

#### **TUITION:**



- □ Average In-State Tuition/year:
  - UGA =\$9552 (HOPE pays \$7200/15hrs)
  - GSU =\$7422 (HOPE pays \$5566/15hrs)
  - UNG-O =\$5460(HOPE pays \$4095/15hrs)
- Average Out of State

Tuition/year:=Normally 3 times in state tuition \$28,626/large, \$18,444/mid size

- □ Avg. fees/year=\$3000
- □ Avg. 7day meal plan/year=\$4000
- □ Avg. Residence Hall/year=\$5660
- Plus books, living expenses, parking pass, etc.

#### **FINANCIAL AID:**

- Any funding intended to help students pay for post-secondary education expenses
  - Grants (don't pay back)
  - Loans (pay back with interest)
  - Work study
  - Scholarships (don't pay back)

#### **SOURCES OF FUNDING:**

Federal Government (FAFSA)

State Government (HOPE)

Institution (College)

Private

#### FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID: FAFSA

(NEED BASED)



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- Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Need Based (grades not considered) and awards based on EFC, they will calculate your financial need
- Pell Grants, FSEOG (Fed. Supp. Educ. Opp. Grant), work study, loans,
- \*\*FAFSA® changes from last year...
  - \*\*Can submit October 1 (rather than Jan. 1) 12<sup>th</sup> grade Complete and submit FAFSA
  - \*\*Students will be required to report income information from an earlier tax year (prior prior year). Class of 2020 report taxes from 2018
- Must request a PIN # well in advance of completing FAFSA and signing electronically
- Must be renewed each academic year
- There are scam sites that require payment to fill out FAFSA.....DO NOT DO THIS! FAFSA is free. Official site is www.fafsa.ed.gov
- If you complete FAFSA...you are automatically registered for HOPE

#### **STATE FINANCIAL AID:**

- Main = Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
  - They maintain the GAFUTURES.org website (formerly called gacollege411.org)
    - Dual Enrollment (DE) funding done here (old MOWR)
    - o Apply for HOPE/ZELL here or via FAFSA

#### FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL

(AWARDS GOOD GRADES)

- **Hope:** HOPE GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript
- 3.0 Core GPA-CP/CPD diploma
- Must have 4 HOPE Rigor Courses
- Currently will pay app. 75-80% of previous years tuition (differs per college UGA 75%, Valdosta 87%, UNG 85%), subject to change each year (public college), mandatory fees and books no longer covered
- Student must maintain a 3.0 at all checkpoints once in college (end of Spr Sem. and every 30, 60, 90)
- Zell Miller scholarship: Zell GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript
  - 3.7 Core GPA and at least a 1200 on M/V of SAT or at least 26 on composite score on ACT in ONE test sitting, or VAL/SAL from eligible high school
  - Must have 4 HOPE Rigor Courses
  - Will pay 100% tuition (public college), mandatory fees and books no longer covered
  - Test scores will not count if taken after graduation date

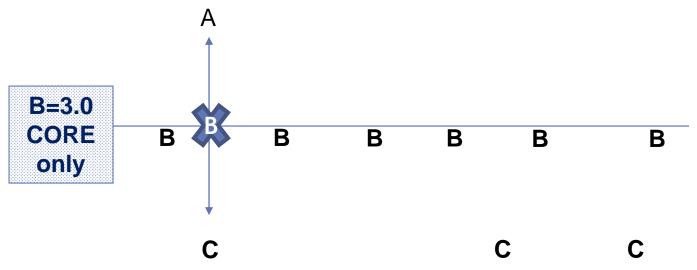
# FINANCIAL AID: HOPE DE/AP GRADE CONVERSION

- Grades earned in Dual Enrollment & passing grades earned in AP courses at PACS will be awarded 10 extra numeric points and 1 extra quality point for GPA at the semester for determination of in-house honors and awards. (effective 2014-2015 school year) This includes on-line courses approved by Prince Avenue.
- For HOPE calculations...they will strip the points, convert the number to a letter, convert to GPA number and then add back a .5 GPA weight only. For example: DE MA102 grade=95 on Prince transcript (includes 10 pts), HOPE will strip points and take to an 85, then convert to a B which is a 3 on GPA scale. Because it's a DE course they will add .5 making it a 3.5 to be averaged with all other core classes.

#### **EASY WAY TO FIGURE HOPE**

**HOPE:** HOPE GPA (core only) is different than PACS overall GPA on transcript

- o 3.0 Core GPA-CP/CPD diploma
- Using .5 semester credits
- B line visual-for every C must have an A of same credit to balance back to an A
- Weighted classes will alter this a bit



This student needs to make \_\_/sem. A's to be HOPE eligible.

#### FINANCIAL AID: HOPE/ZELL

- When to apply for HOPE/ZELL?
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> half of senior year
- How to apply for HOPE/ZELL?
  - 1. FAFSA
  - 2. GAFUTURES.org (GSFAPPS) very simple!
- If not eligible out of High School = NEVER eligible
- End of Spr. Sem. & 30, 60, 90 HOPE/Zell checkpoints in college (ONLY LOOKS AT GRADES EARNED AT THAT INSTITUTION/COLLEGE)
- Students can only lose and regain HOPE/Zell ONCE.
- HOPE can be used for a max. attempted hours or 7 years after High School Graduation

# INSTITUTION/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

#### • Institutional Scholarships:

- Incoming First year Students -Undergraduate
   Admissions...Unique to that particular college
- Ask College Financial Aid Office

#### • Private Scholarships:

- www. fastweb.com
- www.salliemae.com
- www. scholarships.com
- www.scholarup.net
- www.collegeboard.com
- Local scholarships-CHECK PACS GUIDANCE BLOG, use scholarship search sites, ask your employer, etc.

# IMPORTANT!!!

- Counselors are a "resource" but do not take the place of the student/parents.
- Every College/University is very DIFFERENT and has different requirements...you must check early on and adhere to the requirements(foreign language, science, fine arts, etc.) The Guidance Department cannot know all requirements for all schools nationwide. Ex. some colleges have 3 ways to apply (their app, common app and coalition app) ~ ways to send transcript (some accept by mail, by portal, etc.)
- ✓ Be Responsible!
- Be Proactive!

# GRADES...MOST IMPORTANT THING! SEVERAL GPAS/NUMERICAL AVGS:

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Valedictorian(highest)/Salutatorian (2nd highest) Num. Avg. Core
Honor Graduate (90 >) = Num. Avg. Core + Bible - Gold Cord with
+ Bible ~ Medal
 Beta (90 >)= Num. Avg. All Classes ~ Gold stole
tassel
  NHS (95 >)= Num. Avg. All Classes - White stole
    HOPE (3.0 >)/ZELL (3.7 >)= GPA Core only (no Bible) AP/DE up-
   College GPA = Refigured their choice
     weighted by .5
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### STUDENT ATHLETES: (REGISTER BY END OF JUNIOR YEAR)

- □ NAIA: Register at <a href="https://www.naia.org">www.naia.org</a>
- □ NCAA: Register at <u>ww.ncaaclearinghouse.net</u>
  - You will need a credit card
  - Must request a transcript be sent to them from all high schools attended in grades 9-12
  - Must send SAT/ACT scores to them
    - they will not take off of the transcript
    - Each agency is different as far as scores they use (ie: NCAA uses sum of 4 ACT subsections and will superscore & NAIA will NOT superscore for ACT, 1 test sitting)

#### **SELECTIVE SERVICE:**

□ All 18 year old Males MUST register with the Selective Service to be eligible to receive HOPE/Zell, Federal or State funds for college.

□ Very Simple.....register at www.sss.gov

#### **EXTRAS:**

• Frequently check the "PACS Counseling Blog" www.princeave.org, academics, high school, guidance counseling...BLOG:

scholarship opportunities

college open house events

College representative visits to PACS

Check website for important updates

http://www.princeave.org/counselors-blog

 Seniors make sure to send FINAL TRANSCRIPT which includes Graduation Date! I'll send end of year email with many important instructions....

#### **EXTRAS:**

- \* A lot of pressure senior year...transition year...you are not a kid anymore but not grown yet!
  - Pray a lot
  - Okay not to be perfect
  - Okay not to know where you are going and what you are doing
  - Don't believe everything you hear (seniors will tell each other all these grandiose plans and half are not true)
  - Seniors need parents more this year that any other (a lot of talking)
  - Beware of senioritis (I've seen some seniors do some pretty crazy things that have BIG consequences)
  - Know the limitations of your child (don't pile too much on them, don't over schedule them) help your child to know their limitations "depression starts when sleep ends"

#### HIGH SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE CREDITS

- No Carnegie units in college .5c./1c. HS only!
- Colleges use semester hours ~ normal class = 3hrs.
- Normal load = 12-15 hours/semester
- Graduate w/ 18hrs....1/2 way done with Fresh. year
- 30 hours typically denores sophomore year

#### Fall Semester:13hrs

- Biology-3hrs
- Biology Lab-1hr
- Geology-3hrs
- Sociology -3hrs
- Swahili 1-3hrs

### Spring Semester:15hrs

- Pre-Cal-3hrs
- Marine Bio-3hrs
- Fashion Mkg-3hrs
- Pol. Sci. -3hrs
- Swahili 2 -3hrs

<sup>\*\*</sup>tip take difficult cores with some fluff to even out GPA

#### **USEFUL ACADEMIC WEBSITES**

- www.renweb.com (link to your student's grades, homework, etc.)
- www.gafutures.org (everything about going to college in GA)
- <u>sat.collegeboard.org</u> (college admissions test prep & registration for SAT)
- www.actstudent.org (college admissions test prep & registration for ACT)
- www.fafsa.ed.gov (federal financial aid)
- www.fastweb.com (scholarship search site)
- www.scholarship4students.com
- www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/christiancolleges/
- www.connection.naviance.com\_ OUR SCHOOL SITE TBD\*
- www.jlvcollegecounseling.com (advice on getting into college)
- <a href="http://www.saraharberson.com">http://www.saraharberson.com</a> (America's College Counselor)

#### USEFUL PARENTING WEBSITES

- Plugged In www.pluggedin.com
  - movie content
- Jonathan McKee (I subscribe to his BLOG)
  <a href="http://www.jonathanmckeewrites.com">http://www.jonathanmckeewrites.com</a>
  - Movies, Netflix, social media, music, dating, etc.

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