



WHS Counseling Department Newsletter

IMPORTANT NEWS AND REMINDERS

The WHS School Counseling Department would like to introduce Missy Betsill as our new records secretary. Missy has been a part of the WHS family for 5 years, and she previously worked in the attendance office. We are excited to have her as a part of our team! Ms. Betsill can be contacted at betsill.missy@fcboe.org.

- **Seniors:** Your School Counselor will meet with you individually starting the week of August 21st through late October. During these meetings, the following topics will be discussed:
 - ◆ The path to graduation and your post-secondary plans
 - ◆ How to use Naviance for transcript requests and letters of recommendation
 - ◆ Taking the ACT or SAT
 - ◆ Your current transcript and GPA
 - ◆ Using [Georgia Futures](#) to track your HOPE GPA
 - ◆ Scholarship opportunities
 - ◆ The FAFSA (financial aid application) will not be open for applications until December. For more information visit [Georgia Futures](#) or [College Covered](#).
 - ◆ **Questions about College Admissions?** Starting September 6th, every Wednesday through October 25th the counseling office will have a College Admissions Q&A table in the commons during lunch. Stop by with any questions you have about college admissions!

- **All students:** 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 world language, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Chemistry/Physics/Microbiology/Human Anatomy, academic/core dual enrollment courses, Algebra II/College and Career Readiness Math/Statistical Reasoning/Pre-Calculus. The HOPE Scholarship helps to pay tuition at schools that are a part of the University System of Georgia. For more information, please visit www.gafutures.org.

- **Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) classes:** Fayette County Schools is offering a fall session of STEP virtually on Tuesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm, free of charge. Sessions begin September 11th and go through mid-November. Please contact your child's school counselor for the registration form. Registration is required.

Current junior and senior women: Georgia Tech Women in Engineering is pleased to announce that registration for the annual Engineering Career Conference is now open. This year's conference will be held Thursday October 19th from 8:30am-4:00pm. There is a registration fee of \$40; please find a link to the [application](#).

→ **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. The closest in-person session is in Newnan on September 26th. Advanced registration is required!

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

If you need to speak with your school counselor, please stop by the counseling office and put in a request slip. You can talk with your counselor about graduation requirements, college and career options, or if you just have something on your mind and want to talk with an adult. We are here for you!

CALENDAR & HELPFUL LINKS

CALENDAR:

- September 4, 2023: Labor Day holiday - No School
- September 5, 2023: Staff Professional Development; students personalized (digital) learning day
- September 14, 2023: 12th grade Parent Night with counselors @ WHS Auditorium @6:00pm

Underclassmen Pictures will be taken on August 23, 2023 at WHS

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

HELPFUL LINKS:

- ACT/SAT test dates and registration: www.act.org & www.sat.org
- 17 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=003C000002HoBpjIAF&utm_content=email&utm_campaign=sat-act-study-guide#share

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