



# Life After High School

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**212 days until.....**

**GRADUATION!!!**

**What Are YOUR Plans  
After  
High School???**

# We Will Cover

- ❖ Who is Your School Counselor?
- ❖ Senior Meetings
- ❖ Options After High School
- ❖ College/Career Search
- ❖ Application Process
- ❖ Financial Aid
- ❖ Decision-Making
- ❖ Things You Might Not Have Thought Of...
- ❖ We're Here For You
- ❖ Questions & Answers
- ❖ Post-Assessment

# Who is Your School Counselor?

- Mr. Hutt Williams.....Last Names A-Ci
  - Ms. Felicia Minor.....Last Names Cl-H
  - Dr. Jennifer Burruss.....Last Names I-Ri
  - Ms. Jenna Pielocik.....Last Names Ro-Z
  - Mrs. Lorrie Hummer.....Career Coach
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- School counselors work with you regarding academics, personal/social topics, and career interests. Sign up on their clipboard to meet with your school counselor!

# Senior Meetings

- Senior Meeting with your counselor
- Discussed graduation requirements, SOLs, and plans after high school
- SAT/ACT information
- Received valuable handouts and information
- Senior Letters will be mailed home to parents this month

# Options After High School

- ❖ Four-Year College
- ❖ Two-Year/Community College
- ❖ Technical School
- ❖ Military
- ❖ Workforce

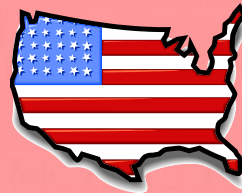
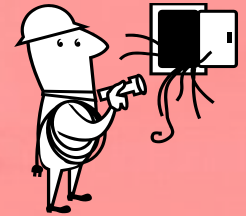


# Four-Year & Two-Year Colleges

- Four-Year Colleges
  - Bachelor's Degree
  - SAT/ACT\*
  - Application Process (fee)
  - Letters of Rec.\*
  - Transcript Requests\* (from CHS, GCC, RCC)
  - College Essays\*
  - APPLICATION DEADLINES!!!!
- Two-Year Colleges
  - Associate's Degree
  - Application Process
  - Application Deadlines
  - Germanna
    - ❖ [www.germannna.edu](http://www.germannna.edu)
  - J. Sargeant Reynolds
    - ❖ [www.jsrcc.vcc.edu](http://www.jsrcc.vcc.edu)

\*Handouts in SC Office

# Technical School, Military, Workforce







# Technical School

- Trade Skills & Certifications
- Examples of Technical Schools
  - ✓ Empire Beauty School
  - ✓ ITT Tech
  - ✓ Medical Career Institute
  - ✓ Make Up Artist Studio School
  - ✓ Everest College



# Military



- **5 Branches, Contact Recruiter!**
- **Marines: Mondays**
- **Army: Tuesdays**
- **National Guard: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of each month**
- **Navy: TODAY during lunch shifts**
- **Air Force: Waiting on a date**
  
- **Must take the ASVAB - Offered at CHS on 11/9**
- **The Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is the *entrance test* to enlist in the US Military. You can't enlist in the US Military without taking the ASVAB.**
- **The ASVAB has two primary purposes: First, it determines whether you have the mental aptitude to enlist in the military branch of your choice, and second, the results help the service(s) determine which military job(s) you have the mental aptitude for.**

# Workforce

- Be Realistic!
- Have a plan
- Begin building your resume'
- Relate your future career to classes you have taken in high school (computer, culinary, carpentry, etc.)



# College & Career Search

- Virginia Wizard: Online college & career search
  - ❖ [www.vawizard.com](http://www.vawizard.com) (AMAZING WEBSITE!)
- College Board: Online college & major search
  - ❖ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- Explore Resources
  - Teachers, Friends, Family Members
  - Books, Magazines, Recruitment Publications



# College & Career Search

## What You Can Do:

### • College Search

- ❖ Take virtual tours
- ❖ Arrange campus visits
- ❖ Narrow down the number of potential colleges to 3 - 6.
  - Reach
  - Good Match
  - Safety

### • Career Search

- ❖ Job Shadowing
- ❖ Internships
- ❖ On the job training
- ❖ Apply for jobs in fields that you enjoy (computers, public, etc.)

# Application Process

## • College

- Research application deadlines
  - ❖ Regular decision
  - ❖ Early decision/Early action
- Request recommendation letters and transcripts (allow two weeks)
- Be sure you have taken the SAT and have scores sent to colleges
- Apply online

## • Career

- Create a resume
- Neatly write or type your application
- Have reliable resources (people who can speak about your work ethic)
- Practice good interview skills
- Dress professionally for your interview



# Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
(FAFSA) Visit: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

- Filling out the FAFSA is VERY IMPORTANT!
- Get Grants, Loans, and Work Study
- It is FREE to fill out the FAFSA form
- Start on January 1, 2013
- Financial Aid Workshop - January 10, 2013 6:00 p.m.

# Financial Aid: Apply for PIN #

- ❖ Apply for a PIN # (Electronic Signature)
- ❖ Parent/Guardian has PIN #
- ❖ Student has a separate PIN #
- ❖ Parent/Guardian & Student Apply for a PIN #  
at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before004.htm>
- ❖ APPLY for a PIN # NOW!!!
- ❖ More Info: School Counseling Newsletter





# Financial Aid

- **Super Saturday!!!**
- Super Saturday is one of the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (VASFAA) annual service projects at which individuals seeking funding for postsecondary education can receive **FREE**, one-on-one assistance in completing the federal financial aid form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- February 9, 2013



# Financial Aid: Scholarships

- School Counseling Monthly Newsletter
- <http://chscounseling.blogs.ccps.us/>
- Local, State, National Scholarships
- Research scholarships online NOW
  - ❖ [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
  - ❖ Individual College Websites
  - ❖ Businesses, Churches, Community Organizations



# There are millions of dollars in unused scholarships every year

- Visit the School Counseling Department and take a look in the scholarship bin!
- Read the School Counseling Newsletter EVERY MONTH (can be found in the cafeterias, library, Career Center, classrooms, School Counseling Department and online)
- School Counseling Monthly Newsletter Website:
- <http://chscounseling.blogs.ccps.us/>

# Scholarships

- Some scholarships have specific requirements (GPA, Essay, Application etc.)
- There are other scholarships that have **NO REQUIREMENTS!!**
  - Suntrust Bank - Fifteen drawings will be held and one winner will be chosen every two weeks from October 28, 2011 through May 10, 2013. All you have to do is apply at <http://www.suntrusteducation.com/sweeps/default.asp>
  - College Xpress - \$10,000 scholarship: No application, No essay and No GPA requirements. All you need to do is register at [www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com)

# Playing A Sport in College

- NCAA Eligibility Application - **MUST** fill out an application to be eligible to play a sport
- NCAA Division I and NCAA Division II have different eligibility requirements (core classes, SAT/ACT scores and GPA)
- NCAA Workshop and Info Session featuring Virginia Tech Coach Jim Cavanaugh  
November 14, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.  
CHS Auditorium
- See your School Counselor for details!





- SOL Re-Takes
  - ❖ Do you have all the SOL's you need to graduate?
  - ❖ See your school counselor if you need to retake any!
- Senior Profile Form
  - ❖ Fill out: Correct name for diploma
  - ❖ Turn in to your school counselor

# Things You Might Not Have Thought of.....

- ❖ Facebook: Privacy Settings, Photos, Content, and Language
- ❖ Email Name: Not something like hotstuff2013@xxx.com
- ❖ Cell Phones: Be aware of your Ring Back Tones
- ❖ Credit Cards: **DON'T GET THEM!**
- ❖ Budgeting: Rent, Car Payment, Car Insurance, Health Insurance, Cable, Cell Phone, Internet, Electric, Heat, Utilities, Gas, Food, Going Out, Movies, Clothes, Shoes, etc....

# Decision-Making

- ❖ YOU ARE in CONTROL!
- ❖ On track to graduate from high school?
- ❖ Will I go to a 2 or 4 year college?
- ❖ Will I go to trade school or the military?
- ❖ Do I already have a job set up? Job Skills?
- ❖ Have I taken the SAT?
- ❖ Have I searched for colleges?
- ❖ Have I researched application deadlines?
- ❖ Will I fill out the FAFSA and apply for scholarships?

*The decisions you make now affect your future!*



# We're Here for You

- Career Center

Monday & Wednesday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

- Evening Hours 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 15

Thursday, December 13

- Assistance

Scholarships, Applications, Questions, Talk about  
Life After High School...See your School Counselor!

*School Counselors Make a  
World of Difference*



# Questions & Answers

❖ Questions?

❖ If you think of questions later,  
contact your **SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR!**

