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Sending Electronic Transcripts Through GACollege411:

Go to www.GACollege411.org and click "create an account". Complete all fields (name, birth date, social security number, account name, password, etc.) Once account is created, go to the "college planning" tab to order transcripts. Electronic transcripts are **Free** and are available for colleges in the State of Georgia only.

What do I do if I need a paper Transcript?

It is the responsibility of each student to mail his/her transcripts. Students requesting transcripts must complete a form in the Counseling Office stating the number of transcripts needed. Each transcript will be "officially" sealed in an envelope that must not be opened by the student for it to remain official. The cost is \$5.00 for each. Please allow 3-5 days for completion of your request.

What and where is the College and Career Room?

The College and Career Room is YOUR room in the Counseling Office. It is there for you to research colleges, vocational and technical schools, careers and scholarships. Through research materials, catalogs, videos, software programs, and internet access, you will be able to explore all your options. You can even pick up SAT and ACT registration packets there. Please come by and check it out.

Senior Parent Meeting:

Thursday, **Aug. 28** at 7:00 PM in the Theater. Presentation will include 2-year, 4-year and technical college options. Also, HOPE Scholarship, getting started on financial aid, college applications, letters of recommendations, scholarships, etc.

Financial Aid 101:

The meeting will be held in the Media Center on Wednesday, **Sept. 17th** at 7:00 pm. The meeting will focus on the FAFSA process, the different types of financial aid, scholarships, etc.

About Your College Applications: Please refrain from requesting counselor recommendations until after the senior meeting which will be held during your language arts class on **Aug. 25**

If your college application requires that a.....

- Counselor Report Form be completed by your Counselor, please be sure you complete the student section of this form and attach it to your "transcript request form" before turning them into the Counseling Office.
- Letter of Recommendation be written by your Counselor, be sure to complete the "electronic student brag sheet and the "parent brag sheet" located at www.brookwoodhighschool.net , click counseling.

Counselor Assignments

A-DH.....Ms. Medlin
DI-I.....Dr. Benton
J-M.....Dr. Benjamin
N-S.....Dr. Dehnke
T-Z.....Mrs. Byrd
9th Grade A-L.....Dr. Ricks
9TH Grade M-Z.....Ms. Kennedy

The UGA College of Veterinary Medicine – Vet School for a Day:

The program will be held on **Wed., Sept. 24**. Through this program we hope to educate students about the many career opportunities within the field of veterinary medicine. For additional information go to www.vet.uga.edu/academic/vet_school_for_a_day . If you are interested and would like to be nominated, students should see Mrs. Vazaly in counseling before **Aug. 29**.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program:

One thousand students will be selected based on the following criteria: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American; U.S. Citizen; min. GPA 3.3; graduating senior; demonstrated leadership; community service; extracurricular or activities; meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility and recommendations. Register online at www.qmsp.org . **Deadline: Completed applications must be submitted online by Jan. 15**

Job Opportunity:

The Haven Learning Center is hiring tutors. Prerequisites include: GPA 3.5 and above, professional and responsible, can work independently, timely, works well with students, patient, takes instruction well, no visible tattoos or piercing, mature, previous experience a plus but not necessary. If you meet the prerequisites and would like to apply, contact Mrs. Denise Braswell at thehavenlearningcenter2821@yahoo.com .

Early Decision versus Early Action:

Early decision (ED) plans are binding – a student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college. Early action (EA) plans are nonbinding – students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1.

College/University Representatives to Visit BHS:

Univ. Alabama	Sept. 3	2 nd Period
Armstrong Atlantic State Univ.	Sept. 4	3 rd Period
Valdosta State Univ.	Sept. 5	3 rd Period
Shorter Univ.	Sept. 11	3 rd Period
Harvey Mudd College	Sept. 12	3 rd Period
Univ. Chicago	Sept. 24	2 nd Period

***Pass Procedure:**

1. As soon as the College Representative visit is announced, you may come to the Counseling Office (before or after school, and during lunch) to get a pass. Be sure to plan ahead because passes will not be issued the day of the visit.
2. The teacher must sign the pass before you attend the session, which will be held in the Counseling Office. The teacher has final decision as to whether the student may attend.
3. Upon arrival give Mrs. Varzaly your pass and it will be signed before you return to class. If you miss the entire class period, you must present the pass to the teacher the following day.

Georgia Tech & UGA Student Information Session–Gwinnett School of Math, Science & Technology–Tues. Aug. 26 – 6:30 PM:

This is a great opportunity to learn more about our admission processes and requirements, financial aid/scholarships, and more about life on campus.

PROBE College Fairs:

Mark your calendars! The Fall PROBE College Fairs will be held on the following dates: (Over 100 college representatives will be in attendance!)

September 9	6:00 – 8:30 PM	Athens Fair – The Classic Center
September 17	6:00 – 8:30 PM	Gwinnett Civic Center
September 22	6:00 – 9:00 PM	Stonecrest Mall
September 23	6:00 – 9:00 PM	North Point Mall
October 6	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Shiloh High School
October 14	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Gainesville Civic Center
October 15	3:00 – 5:30 PM	Dunwoody High School

Information Update:

Students can sign up for a barcode at www.gotocollegefairs.com and present them to the colleges at the fairs. The colleges will then easily scan the information into their database, which will keep the students from wasting time filling out cards.

Christian College Fair – October 23 – 6:00-8:00 PM:

Various Christian Colleges from across the US and Canada will be represented. The fair will take place at Mount Paran Christian School, 1275 Stanley Road, Kennesaw 30152. Free Admission! Visit www.myblueprintstory.com for additional information.

		SAT/ACT 2014-2015	
SAT		ACT	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
Oct. 11	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Aug. 22 (late fee)
Nov. 8	Oct. 9	Oct. 25	Sept. 19
Dec. 6	Nov. 6	Dec. 13	Nov. 7
Jan. 24	Dec. 29	Feb. 7	Jan. 9
Mar. 14	Feb. 13	April 18	March 13
May 2	April 6	June 13	May 8
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When you register for the SAT, you must provide:

- Your full legal name as it appears on your photo ID, date of birth, sex, and your mailing address. The test date, test center and test type you are choosing. Your high school and your current grade level. Completed and signed statement and signature or acceptance of online terms and conditions.
- Students will be prompted to provide a photo during registration for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests. Plan to upload a picture of yourself during online registration.
- Students must present their Admission Ticket to enter the test center. No one will be admitted without a ticket and acceptable photo ID!
- Standby testing will not be permitted. Online requests for waitlist status may be possible until approximately five days before the test.
- Changes to test center, test date or test type must be made at least two weeks prior to test day. Changes on the day of the test will not be permitted.
- Registration and admission ticket photo guidelines: Similar to a passport or wallet photo in size, clear, properly focused and correctly exposed, free of shadows or glare. Photo must show the student's full face directly facing the camera, from the shoulders up. The student's current appearance and the photo must match. An uncovered head, unless the student normally wears head covering for a religious purpose. Photo must show only the student – no other people.
- **Visit sat.org/test-day for complete details.**

Applying to UGA Early Action?

- 2015 First-Year Application opens Sept. 3 – visit <http://admissions.uga.edu>
- Deadline: **Oct. 15** (please do not wait until the deadline, submit all materials well before **Oct. 15**)!
- Student must complete Part 1 of the application and submit electronically with the \$60 application fee.
- Send official high school transcript through gacollege411.org.
- Send official SAT or ACT scores with writing directly from the testing agency. (Oct. test scores will be accepted)!
- Counselor/School Evaluation form and “student & parent brag sheets” must be brought to Mrs. Varzaly no later than **Sept. 30**.
- Frequently check your “Student Status” on the UGA website to see what has been received and what is missing!

Introducing Acceptd – a powerful online network connecting students with Performing Arts programs nationwide:

The International Thespian Society and Acceptd are teaming up to provide students with the only online digital audition and recruitment platform. Students can build their online audition portfolio at no cost, find the right program for their strengths, be recruited by programs across the world, and audition for dozens of schools, summer programs and thespian festivals. To explore Acceptd, go to: www.getacceptd.com .

EDU, Inc. Common Black College Application:

EDU, Inc. has been developed to augment the marketing and recruitment efforts of HBCU's and to increase the number of educational opportunities for students nationwide. Students can apply to all 33 member institutions for a one-time fee of \$35. Applications are available online at www.eduinonline.com .

What is the Academic Common Market (ACM)?

The ACM is a tuition-savings program especially for college students who live in the 16 states that are members of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) the state of Georgia is included. How to participate in the ACM? You must first go to the website www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html , search the eligible ACM programs and institutions for your home state, contact the institution, apply for that program and get admitted. Then contact the Student Access Programs and Services at 404-875-9211 ext. 217.

Navy ROTC Scholarship Opportunity:

You are invited to submit an application for the NROTC \$180,000 scholarship. The scholarship pays full tuition and fees, provides an allowance for books and monthly stipend of \$250-\$400 for 4 years of college. You can choose your own major! You choose from over 150 colleges and universities nationwide! No obligation to accept the scholarship if selected! Applicant Requirements: U.S. Citizen, between ages 17 and 23, minimum ACT scores: Math 21 & Verbal 22, minimum SAT Scores: Math 520 & Verbal 530. Applications and additional information are available at <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/index.aspx> . **Deadline: Completed application must be submitted by Oct. 15**

GA Tech's Women in Engineering Program:

The annual Engineering Career Conference (ECC) is for current female high school students. This investigation of engineering majors and careers will be held in the GA Tech Student Center Ballroom on Thursday, **Oct. 9th** from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. For high school girls making difficult college choices and major decisions, the ECC offers a richly informative and engaging opportunity to arm these potential students with knowledge and information to make their important college decisions. Over the course of the day, prospective female students have the opportunity to hear directly from GA Tech's world-renowned faculty and current Tech students about the 11 engineering majors offered at GA Tech. The ECC Applications will be available mid-August at www.coe.gatech.edu/content/engineering-career-conference-ecc . The non-refundable registration fee for ECC is \$20.00, which covers all materials as well as breakfast and lunch for each girl. ECC is first come, first serve. Register as soon as possible to ensure you get a spot!

National Leadership Challenge (NLC) Weekend at The University of North Georgia (Dahlonega) – Nov. 14-16:

This program targets seniors who are interested in an Army ROTC program in college, West Point, or commissioning as Army lieutenants after college. NLC is designed to give students a first-hand experience in what it's like to be a Cadet at North Georgia. Detailed information, a video, and registration instructions are online at <http://ung.edu/military-college/visit-campus/national-leadership-challenge-weekend.php> .

The Georgia Military Scholarships at The University of North Georgia (UNG) Dahlonega:

We have 42 Georgia Military Scholarships to award to high school seniors. These are full scholarships that pay for room, meals, tuition, fees, books, and uniforms for all four years at The University of North Georgia (Dahlonega) – a Senior Military College. Criteria: Seniors in excellent physical condition, have above a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and have SAT scores of a minimum of 440 math and 480 critical reading and/or ACT (minimum Math 18 / English 20). Interested students should apply to UNG before **Dec. 24**. Step-by-step instructions for applying for the scholarship can be found online at <http://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/costs-financial-aid/georgia-military-scholarship-steps.php> . Your scholarship application and all supporting documents must be received by UNG by **Feb. 1** in order to be considered.

March 2 Success:

To have a strong future, the U.S. Army provides high school students with a large selection of educational programs. March 2 Success is an online, self-paced course designed to improve your performance on standardized tests while enhancing your math, science and English skills. March 2 Success is available 24/7 so students can log on at times that are convenient for them. March 2 Success is FREE and there is no obligation. To enroll visit www.march2success.com .

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations:

This program recognizes students who are helping improve race relations in their schools or communities. Winners will be awarded up to \$1,000 and invited to Princeton University for an expense-paid weekend symposium on race. For more information visit: www.princeton.edu/pprize . **Deadline: Completed applications must be received no later than Jan. 31.**

The G. Wayne Clough Georgia Tech Promise Scholarship Program:

GA Tech is frequently rated as a “best buy,” tuition is not affordable for all families. This scholarship program has helped more than 450 Georgia students gain scholarships, grants, and job opportunities so that they can graduate with a Tech education debt free! Eligible students are: Legal residents of GA, pursuing their first undergraduate degree, eligible for federal student financial aid, dependents whose parents have less than \$33,300 in income, are eligible to file IRS form 1040A or 1040EZ. There is not separate application for Tech promise; new students need only complete the standard financial aid application as described on our website at www.promise.gatech.edu . **Deadline: Feb. 15**

ROTC Scholarship Information:

Air Force ROTC: <http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/high-school/overview/>

Army ROTC: <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students.html>

Marine/Navy ROTC: <https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/apply.aspx>

National Guard: <http://www.nationalguard.com/benefits/money-for-college/guard-scholarships>

University of North Georgia Cadet Admissions: <http://ung.edu/military-college-admissions/costs-financial-aid/georgia-military-scholarship-steps.php>

College Information Sessions in the Atlanta Area:

The University of Alabama – Thursday, Aug. 28 – 7:00 pm – The Coca-Cola Company – RSVP by Aug. 18 to www.gobama.ua.edu/atlanta-coke-reception (seniors and parents ONLY)

Washington University in St. Louis – Sunday, Sept. 7 – 7:00-8:00 pm – Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center, 246 Perimeter Center Parkway, NE Atlanta. For directions call 770-394-6500