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Freshmen College Counseling November 2022

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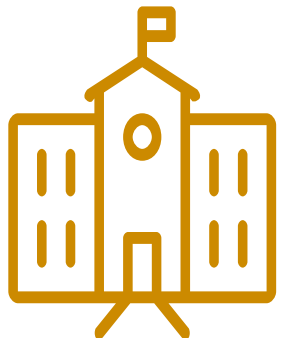
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Knightly News and Component Page Information

Freshman Year is Foundational!

College Admission Landscape

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For the Future: AP Classes, AP Exam Only, and Dual Credit

What does College Counseling involve at Cary Christian School?

- Grade appropriate college counseling with grade-wide meetings for students and parents.
- In class grade appropriate college counseling activities starting with one class time in 9th grade and increasing throughout high school.
- College Counseling Component Pages in VX and regular emails, usually quarterly.
- Scoir
- Career exploration via Career Connections and YouScience.
- PSAT and AP Exam Administration
- Individual Student/Parent/College Counselor meetings 2nd semester Junior Year.
- Individual essay and scholarship application help senior year.
- NC Governor's School and scholarship application process

Knightly News Communication and Component Pages

How to keep current on college Counseling

Please read the **Knightly News** on a weekly basis to find events, meetings, and what is up and coming for Freshmen students.

1. Click on the Knightly News link
2. Click on Upper School
3. Scroll down to the College Counseling section

College Counseling Component Pages are in Veracross in the parent and student portals.

1. Sign in to your Veracross account
2. At the top click on "Academics"
3. Click on the section that says "College Counseling"
4. This is where you will see the different grade levels with specific information for that specific grade

Freshmen

- All the doors for your future are open to you!
- Middle school grades do not carry forward. You entered 9th grade with blank slate.
- Grades matter.
- Develop good study skills.
- Participate in extracurricular activities at CCS, in the community, and at church.
- Explore summer activities; jobs, entrepreneurship, summer camps, or classes.
- Attend the College Fair on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 P.M.
- Attend College Visits at lunch that are announced in the Knightly News.
- Scoir information

Look to the Future for a Minute



Who do you want to be?

Who is your role model and why?

What character traits do you admire?

How do you develop those character traits?

Role Models

Is your role model a.....

- Professional athlete?
- Church leader?
- Older sibling or student at your school?
- Teacher?
- Blogger?
- Musician?
- Author?



How do you get there?

- Use a planner or organizer
- Keep track of your assignments
- Do your assignments
- Ask your teacher for help if you don't understand something
- Incorporate noble character traits



New things on the College Admissions Landscape

- Most colleges are doing some sort of holistic review.
- From a 9th grade perspective, this means you should work hard so that your grades reflect your ability.
- Get involved in some activities at school, in church, or community.
- Many colleges “test optional” but not all.
- However, that could change for you. Therefore, you should plan to test for the first-time towards the end of Sophomore year. ACT and SAT are the big two. CLT is a distant, but up-and-coming third.
- Testing still matters for highly selective and elite schools.
- Increasingly more schools are doing self-reported grades and test scores.

Transcripts

- The college world deals in transcripts not report cards.
- Grades are reported on a semester basis with a final grade.
- Final grade matters.
- Classes are reported with credits. For example, History for a year is 1 credit.
- Electives are graded by semester and earn .5 credits per semester. They do not count towards GPA.
- CCS uses a rigorous Honors curriculum which is on a 5-point GPA scale.
- AP Classes are on a 6-point scale. Passed AP Exams are listed on transcript and can receive a GPA boost.
- CCS activities are listed on transcript.

Transcripts

- If you were not present at the meeting on Wednesday evening, your transcript will be given to you by Ms. Fredrickson on Tuesday, November 15th in Rhetoric.
- Please verify that all the personal information is correct. If it isn't correct, a parent can correct it through the parent portal.
- Note: the phone number on your transcript needs to be the main number in Veracross. Most likely it is a home phone number or a parent's cell phone number. That is okay.

Summer Activities and Volunteering Ideas

- Volunteer Activities-Dorcas Shop, Habitat for Humanity, local hospitals, YMCA, Miracle League, Teen Court, tutoring, etc.
- Mission Trips
- Jobs
- Camp Counselor or Counselor in Training (CIT)
- College Camps – explore potential majors or careers or learn new skills.
- Governor’s School
- Boys’ State, Girls’ State, Boy Scout High Adventure opportunities, Venture Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, etc.
- Possible goals: broaden your horizon, serve the community, serve the disadvantaged population, make money, learn a new skill, explore, etc.

CCS has provided Scoir for you

- Scoir is designed to offer a user-friendly solution for students, parents, and college counselors to navigate through the college search and application process.
- Students can like, follow, and eventually apply to colleges via Scoir.
- Scoir offers a well-regarded aptitude test called YouScience.
- www.Scoir.com

What should you do in Scoir?

- Update your profile
- Be sure your parents are in Scoir
- Upload awards or portfolio pieces into "My Drive" in Scoir
- Follow a couple of colleges
- Complete the survey by November 30th
- I recommend waiting until you complete 10th grade before you do YouScience

College Visits and College Fair

- Next year you will be able to have access to college representatives visiting at lunchtime.
- The College Fair is September 27, 2023, mark your calendar!

For the Future

AP Classes, AP Exam Only, and Dual Enrollment

- AP Classes
- AP Exam Only
- Dual Enrollment (currently available to 11th and 12th)



THANK YOU

Cary Christian School College Counseling Presentation