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Post Graduate Department Newsletter

Collier High School



Post Graduate Department

Welcome to the Postgraduate Department at Collier High School, run by Nancy Del Papa, the Postgraduate Counselor, and Summer Vitale, the Postgraduate Assistant. We are here to help students explore and develop their postsecondary interests and plans for after graduation.

We are looking forward to offering workshops this year such as a 2-year and 4-year college group, SAT Prep Club, Career Day, Financial Aid workshops, college tours and information sessions on trades and apprenticeship programs, independent living, money management, and employment.

Please feel free to submit a counselor request or drop by our office (located in Annex E next to Smith Hall) if you have any questions!

Important Dates

October 8th- Deadline to register for November 6th SAT

October 18th- Virtual Financial Aid Workshop for Parents

October 20th- Community College Presentation

November 4th- Deadline to Register for December 4th SAT

Check Out Local College Fairs:

October 22nd- Brookdale Tour- Register Here:
brookdalecc.edu/openhouse

October 24th- Monmouth County College Fair:
<https://www.monmouth.edu/events/event/monmouth-county-college-fair-2021/>

Virtual Financial Aid Workshop for Parents

October 18th 6:00pm

**Learn how to help pay for college,
trade programs, and educational
training programs**

This event will be a step by step overview on how to complete the FAFSA held over zoom, all students and parents are encouraged to attend

Please email Ms. Del Papa

(ndelpapa@collieryouthservices.org) for
more information

College Checklist For Seniors

1. Take the SAT or ACT if needed
2. Visit Colleges
3. Create a list of colleges you are planning on applying to
4. Prepare your personal statement or essay
5. Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
6. Start Applying to Schools!

(Many schools accept the Common Application- www.commonapp.org)

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid opens
10/1/21

Apply here: <https://studentaid.gov/>

SAT Dates

November 6th 2021- Deadline to register is October 8th

December 4th 2021- Deadline to register is November 4th

March 12th 2022- Deadline to register is February 11th

May 7th 2022- Deadline to register is April 8th

June 4th 2022- Deadline to register is May 5th

ACT Dates

December 11th 2021- Deadline to register is November 5th

February 12th 2022-Deadline to register is January 7th

April 2nd 2022- Deadline to register is February 25th

June 11th 2022- Deadline to register is May 6th

Junior Year Checklist

- Get Involved!
 - Start Volunteering or participating in clubs
- Meet with the Post Graduate Counselor to talk about your options (career choice, trade school, college, vocational training, military, or apprenticeship)
- Explore potential Scholarship opportunities
- Narrow down your post-grad plans
 - If you are applying to college start to familiarize yourself with the process, visit colleges you want to apply to, and start asking for letters of recommendation

Freshman and Sophomore Information

It is never too early to get a head start on learning about post-graduate options

- Get to know the counselors in the post-graduate department
- Start joining clubs
- Take a Career Interest Inventory in the Post Graduate Department
 - This will help you begin to identify your interests and research possible careers
- Volunteer and participate in community service
- Start preparing for the PSAT or SAT/ ACT
- Use NJ CAN to explore career options

Additional Information for Parents and Students

Financial Aid Information:

<https://studentaid.gov/>

<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png>

NJ CAN- Career Interest Inventories and Assessments:

<https://portal.njcis.intocareers.org/>

College and Career Research Tool:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

Standardized Testing Info:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

PSAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

SAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/>