

## Information for Parents from Guidance

Over the past few weeks, counselors have been meeting with seniors to discuss post-graduation plans. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor. Here are some important topics discussed during these meetings:

### Graduation Requirements

It is very important that seniors are aware of requirements they need to complete in order to graduate in June. At this point, students are aware of any service learning hours they must complete, HAS/PARCC completion status, and what courses they need for graduation requirements. If you have any questions about your child's graduation requirements, please contact their counselor.

### SAT/ACT

If a student is planning to attend a 4 year college next fall, they should have taken or plan to take the SAT and/or ACT as part of their application requirements. The next SAT will be offered November 3 at CHS, and students should complete registration by October 5 to avoid a late fee. (Students can register online at [www.collegeboard.org/SAT](http://www.collegeboard.org/SAT)) Scores will need to be sent out with college applications, so if you child plans to apply to a 4 year college, they should register and take the SAT and/or as soon as possible, if they haven't already.

### ASVAB

Any student who is planning to join the military will need to take the ASVAB. The ASVAB will be offered at CHS in November. Once we have a date scheduled, we will let students know.

### CSM

A representative from CSM will meet with seniors in their English classes in November. They will discuss the process of enrolling at CSM and help students apply. They will also be able to answer any questions students have about CSM.

### Transcripts

Seniors are reminded that they must submit a fully completed paper copy of the transcript request form to their counselor when applying to colleges or when requesting transcripts to be used for scholarship applications. Without this form, the counselor cannot send transcript to the college or university. If your transcript has to be sent through the mail, your counselor will prepare the transcript and then give it back to you to mail. (Common App requires only one transcript request form.) If your child needs a copy of the transcript request, they are available on the guidance website or in the guidance office.

### Recommendations

Colleges and scholarships often require recommendations from teachers, counselors, coaches, or other adults. In order to request a recommendation, students should complete the request for recommendation form and give a copy to anyone that they ask for a recommendation. Be mindful of deadlines and allow AT LEAST 10 school days for processing. If your child needs a copy of the request for recommendation form, they are available on the guidance website or in the guidance office.

## Deadlines

Many colleges have deadlines in early fall. It is important for students to research deadlines of the colleges and programs they want to apply to and to know all the information that is required. Plan ahead to make sure that all required pieces will be ready on time!

## Chesapeake College Plan

Chesapeake College Plan is a non-profit organization that provides college access resources to Calvert County students. Mrs. Kidwell, CHS's pre-college advisor, can meet with students to help with scholarships and financial aid, college scholarships, SAT and ACT registration, or even just starting the college search! Mrs. Kidwell is available to meet with students Tuesdays during lunch in room 307; she also meets individually with students. See guidance for more information or to set up an appointment.

## Scholarships

Let us help you find free money to pay for college! We post scholarships on Twitter. (Follow us! @CalvertGuidance) Students can also text @CalvertHS1 to 81010 to receive scholarship information via text. (We use Remind 101 for this service.) There are also links to scholarship lists on the CHS guidance website, under the Financial Aid links (<http://chsweb.calvertnet.k12.md.us/guidance/>).