



Junior Newsletter - January 2024

From the Desk of Cammie Adams



WELCOME BACK JUNIORS!

I hope that you are all excited about being back in the classrooms! I wish you all the best success in the NEW YEAR! (Including the **BEST. GRADES. EVER.**) Don't forget that this is your **LAST CHANCE** to change your grades & GPA before college applications!!!!

FINALS EXEMPTIONS

If you are hoping to be exempt from your finals in May, you need to know what the requirements are! Click [HERE](#) to view how to be exempt.

SENIOR YEAR REGISTRATION:

Mrs. Ainsworth will be coming to start the registration process for senior year late next month! She will speak to you all in your history classes first. Then, she will return to meet with you individually about your senior schedule. Your signed schedule will be due to her (if you want her to review it before meeting with you) before you meet one on one. When she starts doing individual visits, she will only speak to those with a completed and signed schedule. She will NOT accept schedules after the due date (and will create a schedule for you). Make sure you turn one in!

ACT

Register as soon as you can at www.actstudent.org. All of these dates and deadlines can be found on this website!

<u>Next Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (w/ Late Fees)</u>
February 10	January 5	January 22
April 13	March 8	March 22
March 12-14	(TAKEN @ FHS & STUDENTS ARE PRE-REGISTERED BY US!)	
June 8	May 3	May 17
July 13	June 7	June 21

***Free Junior ACT:** Keep in mind, all juniors now have the opportunity to take the ACT (this is the plus writing version), **FREE** of charge, on our campus on **March 14-16th (the county gave us a window)**. Our junior students are automatically registered for this date. Don't plan any trips or college visits on that day! The make-up test date for the ACT has not been set so make sure you get here!



ACT PREP

Several courses are available around the area. Don't forget to you can visit <https://cadams519.wixsite.com/website> to find links with information about each! Click the "juniors" tab and then "ACT Prep".

- ALL JUNIORS HAVE AN ACT ACCOUNT FOR FREE PREP! Visit: <https://onlineprep.act.org/> Your username is your student email and your password is Fhs12345
- ACT Prep w/ Dr. West- www.westinstructionalservices.com
- Huntingdon Learning Center – Contact Beth Dotson at 251-621-1055
- Peggy Varnado can be reached at pbvarnado@aol.com
- Tom Tomkins – Contact him at 251-223-1528 or by emailing him at gatorfan820@yahoo.com
- Coastal Alabama Community College will have some ACT Prep Classes

- You can also visit www.march2success.com for free practice tests
- Sylvan Prep – Contact 251-210-1337 or visit www.sylvanlearning.com

INTERESTED IN ENGINEERING?

Auburn University will host their annual Engineering Day on February 23rd from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to discover all Auburn has to offer in the field of engineering. To pre-register, go to: www.auburn.edu/eday You must be pre-registered to attend.

ALABAMA GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL

Samford University will be hosting the 36th annual Alabama Governor’s School. This offers academically strong Alabama high school juniors the opportunity to participate in a short residential program of stimulating academic and extra-curricular activities. Each participant will take one morning and one afternoon seminar that will focus on challenging and expanding his/her worldview: fine arts, web design, modern legal systems, research science, business, and medicine. For more information, visit <http://www.alabamags.org/> I CAN NOMINATE 4 STUDENTS AND THEY ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15TH. Come by my office if you are interested!

COMMON APP STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Common App is looking for interested students to participate in the second cohort of our Student Advisory Committee, and we are thrilled to invite your students to apply. This committee aims to provide a student perspective on the college admission process, regardless of when they started thinking about college. Our goal is to gather valuable feedback on the Common App experience and the college application journey.

https://mailchi.mp/commonapp/studentadvisory?utm_source=Common+App+Newsletter+Subscribers&utm_campaign=7ab7b78764-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_07_24_09_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_685c1cb33f-7ab7b78764-50338453

HORATIO ALGER SCHOLARSHIP

Online application is open for this \$10K-\$25K scholarship! You must be a rising senior, exhibit a strong commitment to complete a bachelor’s degree in the US, demonstrate critical financial need (\$55K or lower adjusted gross family income is required), be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity, minimum GPA of 2.0, and be a US citizen. Visit <https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/> for more information. Deadline is March 15th!

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA RURAL HEALTH SCHOLAR’S PROGRAM

Are you interested in the medical field? The University of Alabama has an awesome summer program geared toward students in rural areas. For more information about this FREE summer program that offers COLLEGE CREDIT, visit [Link to website HERE](#). for more information. You can also contact Cynthia Moore at 205-348-3116.

AUBURN UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCIENCE INSTITUTE:



The Summer Science Institute at Auburn University is a summer science program for rising 11th and 12th grade students with a high aptitude and interest in the fields of science and math. The program partners students with experienced AU Science and Math research faculty to explore topics more advanced than what is typically taught in the high school environment. This program is academically competitive. Applications on their website [HERE](#) and are due on **January 31st**. This program takes place **June 2-8, 2024**.

SAMFORD PHARMACY CAMP

McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University is offering a one-week Pharmacy Camp this summer for high school students that are interested in investigating a career as a **Pharmacist**. Students attending experience hands-on learning about health careers in pharmacy, participate in tours of local health care facilities and local pharmacies, participate in compounding activities and hands on demonstrations in the School of Pharmacy science lab. You'll also spend time on the Samford campus and experience campus life, spend time with pharmacy professors, and have a lot of time to interact with other students also interested in careers in pharmacy. Space is limited, so **apply early** when they post the deadline! <https://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/bulldog-pharmacy-camp>



FAIRHOPE BRIDGES

Fairhope Bridges is a technology-based system to connect local donors with families in need of clothes, food or household goods. Fairhope Bridges will enable Fairhope school counselors and social workers to submit needs of students and families to the website, where they will then be shared via email and social media alerts to people who are interested in filling those needs. The program will go beyond food to necessary items like clothes, shoes, mattresses, infant car seats, furniture and more for families that are low-income or have a sudden need, such as after a house fire or medical emergency. Once a community member confirms they will fulfill a particular need, items can be dropped off at The Nix Center and will then be taken to the families. Fairhope Bridges takes away many of the uncertainties of online giving. Donors will know they are giving to vetted, trustworthy people and that their gifts will reach the intended recipient. It's like a year-round Angel Tree! You can sign up for weekly giving opportunities and get more information at www.neighborhoodbridges.org.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Jan 15 – MLK Holiday

Jan 16 – University of South Alabama Jag Bus Tour (must sign up to attend)

Feb 1 – AP Fees Due!

Feb 5-9 – National School Counseling Week!

Feb 11 – ACT (Saturday administration-must sign up at www.act.org)

Feb 12- Feb 4 – Mardi Gras Break

Feb 15-16 – E Learning Days

Feb 29 – FHS College and Career Fair (more info to come)

Mar 7 – Last Day of Quarter 3

Mar 8 – Student Holiday (Teacher Professional Development Day)

Mar 12-14 – ACT at FHS!

Mar 20 – Baldwin Connect Expo

Mar 25-29 – Spring Break



CAREER COACH:

Don't forget that we have a career coach! Her name is Mrs. Isbell and she meets with students every week on Tuesdays. However, you must **make an appointment** if you are interested in meeting with her. To set up a time for exploring your career opportunities and college options with Mrs. Isbell, email her at kisbell@bcbe.org. You must set a meeting with her during your lunch wave, during 4th period, OR during an elective class. You are not allowed to miss a core class to meet with her!

Junior Students -

Please stop by my office or e-mail me at cadams@bcbe.org if you need anything. I can also be reached at 251-928-8309. My office is #109 in the counseling office behind the main office.

- *Mrs. Adams, Junior/IB Counselor*