



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2023

FROM THE DESK OF CAMMIE ADAMS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Pretty soon you should be getting settled into classes and forming your routine and (hopefully good) habits for this year! I am going to be sending a newsletter each month via REMIND to keep you updated on important information. Now is a good time to get your calendar and mark down some important dates. **SCHEDULE CHANGE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH AT 3:15 P.M.**

JUNIOR CLASSROOM VISITS:

I am so excited to be your junior counselor! I have spoken with many of you already and I look forward to getting to know you guys better this year. I will be talking to all junior classes at some point during the month of September about the importance of GPA, the ACT, and ways you can be involved this year. I look forward to seeing you guys then!

JUNIOR REMIND

I use Remind to get most information to juniors! If you haven't yet, sign up for REMIND. Text your "class code" (below) to **81010** to sign up. (I WILL MOST DEFINITELY FORGET TO ADD SOMETHING TO THIS NEWSLETTER. IF I DO, THAT INFORMATION WILL GO STRAIGHT TO REMIND TO YOU.). Please share this with friends to ensure they are on the junior Remind!

Juniors:

A-C
D-G
H-L
M-Q
R-U
V-Z

GROUP CODE:

@FHS25G1
@FHS25G2
@FHS25G3
@FHS25G4
@FHS25G5
@FHS25G6

CLUB LISTS:

There are a WHOLE LOT of **clubs** and **activities** that gear up right at the beginning of the year! Click [HERE](#) a list of our clubs this year! **We will have a Club Day August 18th in the cafeteria lobby! Come shop for clubs and get involved!**

CREDITS:

I have spent many hours checking each of your transcripts and credits to be sure that each of you are on track to graduate. However, if you know that you have failed a class and did not make it up in summer school **AND** you are currently not enrolled in that class, please e-mail me immediately at cadams@bcbe.org. It is **very important** that you are in the right classes this year, since you only have one more year after this to get those classes done! With the changes from INOW to PowerSchool, there's bound to be some mistakes. Please help me help you! If you notice something is just not right, please let me know.

ACT:

It is a **VERY** good idea to start taking the ACT. The next available Saturday test is **September 9th and October 28th**! There are late fees involved with late registration (August 4th was the last day for late registration), so you may want to wait until the next one. Register as soon as you can at www.actstudent.org. All of these dates and deadlines can be found on their website! Our high school code is **011-060**. Make sure you select 4 schools to send your score report when you sign up! Otherwise, you will have to pay to send them individually to each college!

*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 in the spring. You are automatically registered for this date. It is **in MID MARCH 2024 (no exact date yet)**– Don't plan any trips or appointments for this day! The county has established emergency testing dates in the event of school closure.

REMEMBER:

If you receive free or reduced lunch, you could qualify for a total of **four** fee waivers to take the **ACT** and **SAT** during junior and senior years of high school. Come by the guidance office if you have questions about qualifying. PS: you must fill out the Free and Reduced lunch paperwork to qualify!!!!

ACT PREP OPPORTUNITIES:

Need an additional ACT Prep resource? Every junior has been signed up for a FREE ACT prep account! The website is: <https://onlineprep.act.org/>

Your login is your ibaldwin email address.

Your password is fhs12345



- 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 coming in September
- You can also visit www.march2success.com for free practice tests!
- Sylvan Prep – Contact 251-210-1337 or visit www.sylvanlearning.com
- Check out the Counselor’s Corner area of the fairhopehs.com website and click the link to our [FHS Counseling website!](#)

PLANNING TO TAKE THE SAT?

The SAT is another college entrance exam that our students take. You can register at www.sat.collegeboard.org The College Board website has links and opportunities for preparation for this exam.

FAIRHOPE JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL

Interested in social media, journalism, politics, public service or making a change? Apply to be a part of the Fairhope Junior City Council. They are asking for dedicated, innovative students who want to be an active part in their community. The council is open to any high school student who lives in the City of Fairhope’s Planning Jurisdiction. The student will serve a two-year term as a representative for his or her high school. For the application, click They are accepting 6 students this year!

SCHOOL DRESS CODE:

Remember the follow the dress code! A copy of the Baldwin County Public Schools Dress Code can be found on the FHS counseling website. There has been a ton of notice about this and what is appropriate and what is not. Please let us know if you are in need of school clothes and cannot find or afford these items. You can either call, e-mail, or see me or Mrs. Barrett, our on-campus social worker. Her e-mail address is abarrett@bcbe.org . She can assist you in finding donated clothes in the size that you need.



ASVAB:

ASVAB stands for **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery** and it will be given in the library on September 8th from 8 to approximately 11am. The ASVAB is a nationally normed test and is an excellent indicator of your academic progress. It has two primary purposes – it is the first step in a career exploration program and it is also used by the Armed Forces to determine eligibility for enlistment. You must sign up through the Google Form if you wish to take the exam. Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

PSAT:

If you are interested in taking the PSAT for 10th and 11th graders, please complete the registration form [by clicking this link](#). The deadline for payment and registration is **August 31st**. Search in My School Bucks in the store, FHS-PSAT. There is a limit of 25 sophomores and 50 juniors for the test. More information is available on the registration form and College Board’s website. The form must be completed using a school-issued Chromebook.

ACADEMY NIGHT:

If you are interested in attending any of the military academies, go to <https://carl.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations> and read what the qualifications are. I have not heard of any specific “academy nights” but I will pass on the information if I get them.

CO-OP STUDENTS:

Co-Op students will begin turning in hour sheets **August 25th**. This may consist of a time card, check stub, pay stub or a copy of paycheck. Meeting with Mrs. Toomey during your Co-Op period every Thursday is **MANDATORY!** Please contact her if you have questions at mtoomey@bcbe.org.

COLLEGE VISITS:

Junior students are allowed two excused college days to visit colleges/universities. Reservations for official college visits must be made through the admissions office of the college you are planning to visit. Your parent must request for you to be excused for the visit at least 2 weeks prior to the visit by emailing a request to the front office. Please e-mail Freda Rambo at ferambo@bcbe.org. Be sure to bring back paperwork/documentation of your visit and turn it in to her upon your return!

COLLEGES ON CAMPUS:

Representatives of various colleges and universities will be on campus throughout the year. Listen to the announcements and come **meet in room 301** to have lunch with the recruiters for schools that you may be interested in applying to. So far, the following schools are scheduled to be on our campus. There will be **many** more to come, so listen for announcements and check REMIND. Also, these dates are always subject to change depending on the recruiter's schedule, so this is yet **ANOTHER** reason to make sure you listen to the announcements!!! All colleges meet in our **COLLEGE AND CAREER ROOM, room 301**.



August 24 - The University of Alabama – all lunch waves

MILITARY RECRUITERS:

Recruiters from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines will be on our campus various times throughout the school year, usually during lunch. You may talk to them if you see them, or notify Mrs. Adams if you are interested in speaking to one of them during your lunch wave.

THE FHS COUNSELING WEBSITE:

Visit our counseling website! It has tons of information and may answer a lot of your questions! Visit: <https://cadams519.wixsite.com/website> and check it out!

UPCOMING DATES:

August 17th – Ms. Grant from Coastal Alabama Community College will be on campus to answer all of your questions about your Canvas account, email, etc.

August 15th – Club Day! In the cafeteria lobby during lunch waves.

August 16th – 3:15 p.m. Schedule change deadline!! No schedule changes after this date!

August 21st – First day of classes for dual enrollment students at Coastal Alabama CC

August 24th – Last day for drop/add at Coastal Alabama CC

August 23rd – Fall pictures

August 24th – Pep Rally

September 9th – ACT (sign up at www.act.org)



Junior Parents & Students:

Feel free to e-mail me at cadams@bcbe.org. I can also be reached at 251-928-8309. My office is #109 in the counseling office behind the main office. I look forward to a **fabulous & productive** school year!

GO PIRATES!

Mrs. Adams, Junior/IB Counselor