



JUNIOR NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023



From the Desk of Cammie Adams

Your first FULL 3 weeks are done!! Many of you have already had tests, major projects started, and are back in full swing! I cannot stress enough how **important** your grades are this year. Remember, the GPA you end this year with is the one that you will use to apply to college and scholarships with – let's start off the year strong! I have met with all juniors this week and discussed what you should be focusing on this school year. Please let me know if there is anything you may need!

DUAL ENROLLMENT:

A little reminder about dual enrollment classes—take them seriously! They are going to follow you for life. There are folks who are starting classes this fall for academic probation due to the classes they took here on campus last school year in dual enrollment. If you do not plan to take your dual enrollment classes seriously, you should not be in these classes. This is on your college transcript so don't be slacking! In addition, don't forget that **all courses END and GRADES ARE FINALIZED IN DECEMBER!!**

POWERSCHOOL FOR PARENTS:

Once you have set up your PowerSchool account and download the app, you will be able to see the AWESOME way to view grades. As a parent myself, I am fairly impressed by the PowerSchool app. You can toggle between my two students in one easy-to-use app. If you are having issues logging in, please contact our front office ladies!

ACT:

It is a **VERY** good idea to start taking the ACT. The next available Saturday test is **September 9th**. **The deadline has passed for the September 9th test date!** However, you can sign up for the October 28th test NOW. You can check deadlines and register at www.act.org. All of these dates and deadlines can be found on their website! Our high school code is **011-060** and be sure that you include Fairhope High School on your list of who receives your results.



*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 March. You are automatically registered for this date.

The date for the on-campus ACT is **has not been set yet!** But we are thinking MID MARCH! Make sure you're here!

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 counseling office if you have questions about qualifying.

ACT PREP OPPORTUNITIES:

Find a complete list by visiting the Counselor's Corner website at: <https://cadams519.wixsite.com/website/act-prep>

THINKING ABOUT TRYING 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. If you just aren't getting the score you'd like on the ACT, you may do well on the SAT. Most colleges will accept either entrance exam, the ACT or the SAT. Bayside Academy has the SAT regularly on their campus.

ACADEMY NIGHT!

Are you interested in any of the military academies? There will be an Academy Night in Mobile on October 2nd, 2023 at St. Paul's in Mobile. All of the military academies will be present to explain the application process. For more information you can contact the office of Congressman Jerry Carl at Allison.clark@mail.house.gov.

PRODISEE PANTRY

Looking for an opportunity to give back to the Eastern Shore? Prodissee Pantry, our local food bank, is looking for their 23-24 Student Council. The council will be asked to assist with various Prodissee Pantry projects, as well as initiating projects on our school campus. There are no mandatory hours and few meetings but you are responsible for your own transportation. If you are interested, click [here](#) or you can email Mrs. Brett at dpratsbrett@gmail.com.

If you are interested in just volunteering, you can click [here](#) for the regular application.

COUNSELORS IN THE CAFÉ

Students! You will have an opportunity to speak with me during lunch September 5th! The counseling department will have a table set up in the cafeteria lobby with information like testing dates, tutoring info, study tips, college organizers, math help schedule, etc. Whatever questions you may have, bring em'! We're here to help. We will be giving out prizes too!

DOGWOOD TRAIL PAGEANT:

Dogwood Trail Pageant Orientation - Attention all **junior girls**: If you are interested in participating in the Eastern Shore Optimist Club's annual **Dogwood Trail Program**, the 2022 orientation sessions will be held Sunday, **September 17th** and Tuesday, **September 19**. Attendance at one of these sessions is required to participate in the program. If you are interested or have more questions, you can email them at thedogwoodtrail@gmail.com.

BALDWIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY TEEN ANIMAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Do you have a sincere love for animals? The Baldwin County Human Society has created a Teen Animal Advocate Program and would love for you to apply! Applications are available through the link in Remind and are due to them by September 16th.

FAIRHOPE JUNIOR CITY COUNCIL

Deadline was August 31st! I hope you read the Reminds!

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 (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test):

The PSAT sign up deadline was August 31st. Good luck to those taking it!

TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE RIGHT FIT?

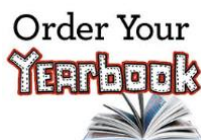
Check out www.collegeconfidential.com and see which college is just right for you. Whether it's distance, majors, class size or financial, this website has lots of info! Answers to questions you may not even have yet! In addition, check out www.bigfuture.com. This website by College Board has lots of resources also!

EXPLORING STUDENT OPTIONS:

Exploring College Options is a special informational program sponsored by the undergraduate admissions offices of five of the country's leading universities: *Duke University*, *Georgetown University*, *Harvard University*, the *University of Pennsylvania*, and *Stanford University*. This fall they invite you and your family to join for a 90-minute webinar to help you explore your college options and prepare a strong and reflective application in this time of change and new challenges. During the program, admission officers from five universities will introduce their institutions, discuss the college application process, answer general questions, and provide individual school breakout sessions. To register for this event, go to www.exploringcollegeoptions.org. This may be of interest to those of you who are looking at any top tier, "Ivy League" or "Ivy League" adjacent schools. The one in Mobile will be held on October 3rd!!

CAREER COACH:

Mrs. Isbell is our new career coach! She listens to your needs and helps lead you in the right direction as far as your career path. She will be visiting our campus every Tuesday throughout the school year. You can make appointments to see her at school by scanning the QR code in the counseling office or emailing her at kisbell@bcbe.org.



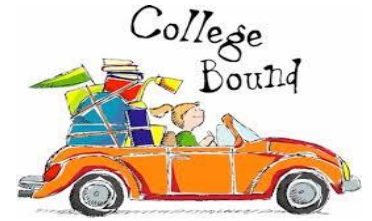
YEARBOOK ORDERS:

Want a yearbook? Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com to order! Mrs. Hobart is our new sponsor this year. If you have ANY yearbook questions not answered at the link, feel free to email her at ahobart@bcbe.org.

COLLEGES ON CAMPUS:

Mrs. Ainsworth schedules representatives of various colleges and universities throughout the year. Listen to the announcements and go meet 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 more to come, so listen for announcements. 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 **LIBRARY**.

September 7 – Bishop State Community College
September 14 – Coastal Alabama Community College
September 20 – Birmingham Southern & Furman University
September 21 – Tulane University
September 28 – Auburn University (9:00 a.m.)



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 sweet ladies in our front office, Mrs. Rambo at ferambo@bcbe.org. Be sure to bring back paperwork/documentation of your visit and turn it in to Ms. Floyd upon your return!

MAKEUP PICTURE DAY

Make up picture day is September 18th!

UPCOMING DATES:

September 5th – Counselors In the Café!
September 7th – Bishop State CC on campus!
September 8th – ASVAB (see above to register)
September 9th – ACT (sign up at www.act.org)
September 14th – Coastal Alabama CC on campus!
September 15th – Pep Rally!
September 20th – Birmingham Southern and Furman University on campus!
September 21st – Tulane University on campus!
September 21st – Ms Grant from Coastal here for dual enrollment students
September 22nd – Pep Rally! HOMECOMING GAME!
September 23rd – Homecoming Dance

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 area behind the main office. I look forward to an awesome school year! GO PIRATES!

-Mrs. Adams, Junior/IB Counselor