



# Junior Newsletter – October 2023

From the desk of Cammie Adams

We are nearing the end of the first quarter (**OCTOBER 5TH**) for grade reports. Please don't forget about grades being **so SO So so** important this year!!!! Let me know if you are struggling and need extra help – **Don't procrastinate**!!!!!! There are several opportunities for help. I will be calling in students who are failing after the first grade report so that we can make a plan for success!!! **For ALL dual enrollment classes, REMEMBER THAT YOUR FINAL GRADE FOR THE CLASS WILL BE IN DECEMBER!**

## **ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

Attendance issues are already becoming a problem. One AP teacher calculated over 30 absences in her 3 AP classes. We cannot educate kids that aren't here. Get into the habit now of getting to school because it's gets REAL senior year and can hinder graduating. The policy has been shared and has not changed. The check-in/checkouts count too!

## **BALDWIN EMC YOUTH TOUR**

Caroline Smith, a guest speaker from Baldwin EMC will meet with juniors about the Baldwin EMC Youth Tour Summer Opportunity October 4th. This summer program is only open to juniors in Baldwin County. Participants are selected by an interview process and have the opportunity to have an all-expense paid trip to Montgomery to tour and visit our state capital and meet state representatives. There is also an opportunity to receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for an exciting week of educational activities, tours and fun! If you would like to attend, please email me. If selected, this looks great on a college application!



## **LOTT LEADERSHIP**

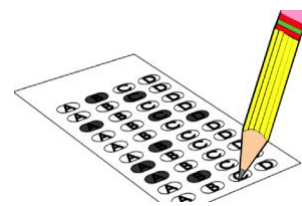
Do you have at least a 3.2 GPA, have leadership qualities and would like to experience what Ole Miss has to offer? Come see me about the Lott Leadership Institute this summer! I can nominate 6 people for this awesome experience! Come talk to me if you are interested! My nominations are due December 15, 2023. Check out this website for more information: <https://lottleader.olemiss.edu/high-school-students/rising12/>

## **ACT:**

For those of you testing on **October 28th**, good luck! The next date after this one is **December 9th**, and that registration deadline is November 3<sup>rd</sup> for no late fees. Register as soon as you can [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). All of these dates and deadlines can be found on their website!

**As you register:** Our high school code is **011-060** and be sure that you include Fairhope High School on your list of who receives your results so we can see them. Also, go ahead and *select FOUR colleges* when selecting who will be receiving your report. If you wait until your senior year to send it to colleges that you apply to, it costs around \$18 each time you send a score report to a college. It won't hurt to go ahead and select a few colleges you are interested in while it's free to send! About that fee: If you receive free/reduced lunch, you qualify for **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.

**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 in the spring. You are automatically registered for this date. The date for the on-campus ACT is **March 12-15, 2024**. Don't plan any trips or college visits on those dates in **MARCH!**



## **ACT 30+ CLUB**

If you have taken the ACT and got a composite score of 30 or above, you are eligible to be a part of the FHS ACT 30+ Club! Just send your score report to me and I will get you added to our list to be recognized! We will recognize all members each quarter with a breakfast!

## **ASVAB**

ASVAB results are in and you should have received them from Mrs. Ainsworth! The military folks will be here to explain them soon and I will let you know that date as soon as I know. If you missed the first administration, you can take it in the spring. When that date has been scheduled, I will let you know.

## **ACT PREP OPPORTUNITIES (see all on the counseling website):**

- Dr. Wycondia West - [www.westinstructionalservices.net](http://www.westinstructionalservices.net)
- ZAPS! – [www.doorwaytocollege.org](http://www.doorwaytocollege.org) October 10<sup>th</sup>!!! Sign up TODAY!
- Huntingdon Learning Center – Contact Beth Dotson at 251-621-1055
- Peggy Varnado can be reached at [pbvarnado@aol.com](mailto:pbvarnado@aol.com)
- Tom Tomkins – Contact him at 251-223-1528 or by emailing him at [gatorfan820@yahoo.com](mailto:gatorfan820@yahoo.com)
- Coastal Alabama Community College will have some ACT Prep Classes Click here: [http://www.coastalalabama.edu/media/programs/cpd/ACT\\_Prep\\_classes\\_Fairhope\\_and\\_Gulf\\_Shores\\_July\\_August\\_and\\_September.pdf](http://www.coastalalabama.edu/media/programs/cpd/ACT_Prep_classes_Fairhope_and_Gulf_Shores_July_August_and_September.pdf)
- You can also visit [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) for free practice tests!
- Sylvan Prep – Contact 251-210-1337 or visit [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com)
- Also, THE COUNTY PAYS FOR SEVERAL FREE ACT PREP SITES LIKE ALBERT I.O., CERT AND ACT ACADEMY.

## **PLANNING TO TAKE THE SAT?**

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

## **COUNSELORS IN THE CAFE:**

Students! You will have an opportunity to speak with me during lunch October 3rd! The counseling department will be setting up a table in the cafeteria lobby with information like: testing dates, tutoring info, study tips, college organizers, math help schedule, etc. We may even have a few goodies to you can win if you answer a trivia question correctly! 😊 Stop by and see me & the other counselors!

## **CAREER COACH:**

Mrs. Kellie Isbell is the career coach for our school. She listens to your needs and helps with exploring careers and leads you in the right direction as far as how to get there. She will be visiting our campus every Tuesday. You can make appointments to see her at school by signing up in the counseling office or emailing her at [kisbell@bcbe.org](mailto:kisbell@bcbe.org). You must set a meeting with her during your lunch wave, during 4<sup>th</sup> period, OR during an elective class. You are not allowed to miss a core class to meet with her!



## **PREVIEW DAYS**

Most colleges have fall preview days and similar options to get to know the college, admissions process, and programs offered. These are highly recommended and will help tremendously when gathering information this year about colleges before you start applying next summer! Since we are limited in the number of recruiters

coming in, go to the college's website to see how they are doing preview days, college visits and recruiter meetings!

### **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 our attendance secretary, Mrs. Petrie at [spetrie@bcbe.org](mailto:spetrie@bcbe.org). Be sure to bring back paperwork/documentation of your visit and turn it in to her upon your return!



### **ARE YOU ON RAISE ME?**

Raise Me is an app you can use to keep up with all the wonderful things you've done in high school. You will need to access information like this when you are writing your brag sheet for your rec letter next year. In addition to being a great app for keeping up with this information, IT CAN AWARD MICRO SCHOLARSHIPS! What does that mean? Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3os1jjQRQ&feature=youtu.be> for more information! Now, not all colleges you are interested in are participating in the micro scholarships but, there's a lot that do!

### **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.

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- October 2 – Academy Night At St. Paul's in Mobile – Come if you are interested in applying to a Military Academy!
- October 3 – Counselors in the Café!
- October 4 – Baldwin EMC Youth Tour Presentation! 4<sup>th</sup> period – See above if you are interested!
- October 5 – End of Quarter 1!
- October 6 - 9 – NO SCHOOL! Fall Break
- October 10 – E Learning Day!
- October 13 – Pep Rally – Daphne
- October 13 – Deadline to register for AP testing! See Mrs. Hardy in room 301!
- October 14 - PSAT
- October 17 - Baldwin Prep Academy Night at FHS-Come learn all about the new trade school! 5:30 p.m.
- October 16-19 – PACT for sophomores
- October 20 – Pep Rally
- October 23-27 – Red Ribbon Week!
- October 28 – Saturday ACT on FHS Campus
- October 27 – Pep Rally

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## **Junior Parents & Students -**

Feel free to e-mail me at [cadams@bcbe.org](mailto:cadams@bcbe.org) to make an appointment. I can also be reached at 251-928-8309. My office is #109 in the counseling area behind the main office.



- **Mrs. Adams,**  
Junior/IB Counselor