

FHS Counseling Office Newsletter

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SOL TESTING IS COMING!

Our SOL testing window is November 30th—December 17th.

Additional information will be coming out. If you have any questions, please call Testing Coordinator Karen Cerra (540-422-7296).

SENIORS ~ SCHOLARSHIPS

Please be sure to check the Scholarship tab on the Counseling web page. Scholarships are posted as they are received. Valuable information will be posted and updated on the Seniors tab on the FHS Counseling web page.

FCPS I.org > Fauquier High School > Parents and Students > School Counseling .

Mountain Vista Governor’s School Information

Current Freshmen and Sophomores are able to apply to MVGS for the 2021—2022 school year. MVGS will supply us with a video about their school along with information about the application process. As soon as the video is received, we will be post the MVGS video on the FHS counseling web site. MVGS is a research-based, technology-enhanced, integrated program in mathematics, science and the humanities. The program will challenge students to reach their full potential as independent thinkers capable of assuming leadership roles in a constantly changing global society. Students accepted into the program will attend MVGS for 1st and 2nd block in the morning and return to Fauquier High School for their classes 3rd and 4th block.

9th grade applicants must finish Alg 2/Trig this school year.

10th grade applicants for the Physics/Engineering program must finish Elementary Functions or Math Analysis .

10th grade applicants for the Biology/Life Sciences program must complete Alg 2/Trig or Alg 2 and Advanced Math.

If you have any questions, please check with Mr. Mark Bjorkman, Counseling Director.

Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and/or ACT at least once during Spring term.

Register at www.collegeboard.org

Or at www.actstudent.org

In addition to registration, you will also find practice materials and other important tools on each site. Student practice booklets are available in the Counseling Office.

Khanacademy.org has partnered with the CollegeBoard for FREE SAT review.

If there is a financial need (free/reduced lunch), please see your school counselor for a fee waiver for the ACT and SAT tests.

SAT and ACT Testing Schedule

SAT TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 5, 2020	November 5, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021

ACT TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021

SCHEDULES FOR TERM 2 IN JANUARY

Log into your Infinite Campus account to see your schedule for the next term. If you have any questions or concerns, please email your counselor. Counselor contact information is available on Page 7 of this newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Third quarter report cards will be made available on Infinite Campus on November 20th.

Log onto FCPSI.org

Click on Parent Portal/Infinite Campus

Click on Documents

Select Report Card

Fee waivers are available if you receive free or reduced lunch. Please contact your counselor for more information.

PSAT Test—January 26, 2021

Available FREE of charge to students in Grades 10 and 11. If you took the PSAT test in October 2020, you **CANNOT** take this test on January 26th.

Students must register for the PSAT BEFORE December 2nd. Registration is on the FHS Counseling web page > PSAT Test Information tab.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Warren Hackney at 540-422-7307 or email warrenhackney@fcpsl.org.



IMPORTANT INFO FOR SENIORS!!!

CLASS OF 2021

Be sure to regularly check the Counseling web page to have access to the scholarship information available.

The Counseling Department has released the following dates for Transcript Release Forms to be submitted in order for them to be processed and received by the respective college/university for consideration for admission:

December 1st DEADLINE—Forms must be received by end of the day Monday, November 16th

January 1st DEADLINE— Forms must be received by the end of the day Monday, December 7th

January 15th DEADLINE— Forms must be received by the end of the day Friday, January 8th

February 1st DEADLINE— Forms must be received by the end of the day Friday, January 22nd

Transcript Request Google form is located on the Senior web page.

Mid year transcripts will be automatically sent in January!

*A reminder that any Supplemental Forms, Academic Resumes, Teacher Evaluations, and Common Application links are also due on those dates.

SAT and ACT scores must be sent directly to the college you are applying. Scores must be sent through www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org. Colleges/universities will only accept “official” scores from these sites. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

Governor’s Early College Scholars

Seniors that have at least 15 transferable college credits while enrolled in high school (AP/DE) and will have a “B” average and complete requirements for an Advanced Diploma, may qualify for the Governor’s Early College Scholars Seal. Visit the FHS Counseling web page > Seniors tab to access the form. If you have any questions, please contact your school counselor.

Need FAFSA help? Sign up for an individual appointment or to join us in person on November 19th from 5—8PM at FHS. Register at bit.ly/FHSfafsa. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Kate Rusnak at kate.rusnak.c@fcps1.org or call 540-422-7307.



Keep up to date on assignments and grades. Please go to the Bb Learn link on the FCPS1.org website and enter your student’s USERNAME and the PASSWORD. If you have any questions about your student’s grades, please contact the teacher for clarification.



Interested in the Summer Regional Governor School? Deadline for applying is December 4, 2020. If interested, contact Mr. Warren Hackney at warrenhackney@fcps1.org or call 540.422.7307.

DUAL ENROLLMENT DETAILS

AP	DE
College credit earned by high score on AP exam	College credit earned by performance in class
Free	Reduced-tuition for course at FHS
No entrance exam	Must pass the VPT
Credit accepted by most colleges/universities	Credit is transferable to other colleges/universities

WHAT CLASSES CAN MY STUDENT TAKE?

Your student may be eligible to dual enroll in the following FHS classes for Spring 2021:

- English 11 Language & Comp AP/DE
- English 12 Literature & Comp AP/DE (credit awarded through Richard Bland College)
- World History 2 AP/DE
- US History AP/DE
- US Government AP/DE
- Statistics AP/DE
- ASL I
- ASL II
- French IV/DE
- French Language AP/DE
- Spanish IV/DE
- Spanish Language AP/DE
- Latin IV/DE
- Latin AP/DE

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Knudson
540-316-0709
bknudson@lfcc.edu

WHAT IS DUAL ENROLLMENT?

Dual enrollment allows students to earn college credit for coursework taken in high school. It's an excellent opportunity for students to begin gaining the skills and credentials they'll need to be successful in today's job market. In addition, students can earn college credits that apply towards degrees from four-year colleges and universities, both in Virginia and elsewhere.

HOW DOES MY STUDENT DUAL ENROLL?

➤ **NEW STUDENTS** Before the first day of class, January 5, 2021, the following steps should be completed:

1. Apply for admission to LFCC

- Visit www.lfcc.edu and select "Apply Today." Click on "High School Student Dual Enrolling for the First Time."
- Make sure your student writes down their **student ID number, password, and LFCC email address (username)**. They will need this information often!
- *Within 24 hours of applying*, students should update the LFCC password. Go to www.lfcc.edu, click on MYLFCC, and enter the username and temporary password. Follow the prompts to set a new password and security questions.

2. Email Mrs. Knudson (bknudson@lfcc.edu) to find out if any additional steps are needed.

➤ RETURNING STUDENTS

1. Make sure your student can access their myLFCC account.

2. Download an *unofficial* copy of the LFCC transcript. This will be submitted with the class registration in January.

- Students login to MYLFCC, click on "Student Information System (SIS)" and look for the heading "Academic Records." From there, "View Unofficial Transcript" and download.

➤ ALL STUDENTS

1. In January, complete the dual enrollment form; forms will be provided the first week of class.
2. Submit payment to FHS Counseling Office.

FUTURE FOCUS

SENIORS: MAKE DECISIONS

Every college degree starts with an application. **College Application Week** is November 16-20. Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to apply to at least one college. We're here to help with every part of the process. Individual appointments are available, or join virtual office hours on 11/18.

SENIOR RAFFLE

What can you win?

- Bluetooth speaker
- Bluetooth lights
- Roku Express
- Keurig
- College gear
- Giftcards!

How can you win?
By planning for your future!

- 1 ticket for meeting with Ms. Rusnak or Ms. Knudson
- 1 ticket for following us on social media
INSTA: @fhs.collegeadvising
TWITTER: @fhscounseling and @CareerFhs
- 2 tickets for completing your FAFSA
- 1 ticket for each college rep visit

JUNIORS: RESEARCH OPTIONS

The Occupational Outlook Handbook is an excellent source of career information about hundreds of occupations. Browse by subject, projected growth, or salary. Then learn more about the job, pay, training requirements, and hiring projections. Visit www.bls.gov/ooh/ to check it out.

SOPHOMORES: GET EXPERIENCE

The PSAT gives students an idea how they might score on the SAT, a college entrance exam. Scores from the October 14 test should be available in December and counselors will meet with students to review their results in the spring. Students should set up an account with College Board – be sure they use a personal email (not their school Google account). This allows them to share their results with Khan Academy and get free personalized study recommendations for the SAT.

FRESHMEN: KNOW YOURSELF

Grades matter. Colleges see the grades earned in each high school course. Most colleges consider the grades earned in core classes as more important than grades in electives. A 'B' in a challenging class is better for college admission than an 'A' in an elective.

MONEY MATTERS

Sticker price is the full cost to attend a college. This includes direct charges (tuition and fees, room and board) and indirect costs (books and supplies, transportation, personal expenses). This is often the published cost.

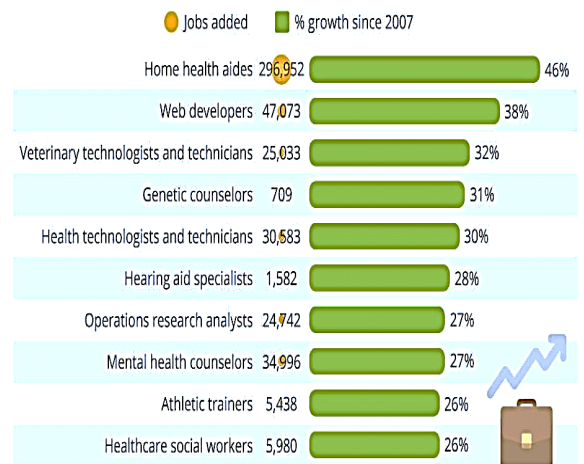
Net price is the "sticker price" minus any grants and scholarships for which students may be eligible. This is what the student will actually pay for college.

Visit collegescorecard.ed.gov to calculate your net price, as well as compare costs, graduation rates, financial aid and debt, and average alumni salaries at potential colleges.

Need FAFSA help? Sign up for an individual appointment or to join us in person on **11/19 from 5-8 at FHS**. Register at bit.ly/FHSfafsa

The Occupations Growing The Fastest Since The Recession

Occupations with the fastest growth in the U.S. from 2007 to 2017



PLANNING TO DUAL ENROLL??

New Dual Enrollment classes begin in January. If your student will have a DE class, be sure to check out the Dual Enrollment section of this month's newsletter!

****SENIORS****

Be sure to turn in your pink form indicating how you wish your name to appear on your diploma! Forms are due to the Counseling Office by December 11, 2020. These forms Will be mailed to seniors mid November along with your Senior Advisory form, unofficial transcript, and college timetable.

The form is also available on the [FHS Counseling webpage—Seniors](#).

To: FHS Class of 2021
Re: Fauquier High School Diploma

Print your name *exactly* as to how you wish it to appear on your diploma.
DO NOT USE NICKNAMES!

My name on my high school diploma should read as follows:

First Name	Middle Name or Initial
Last	

PLEASE PRINT

Return this form to the Guidance Office by December 11, 2020

For Counselor Use Only: Circle diploma type for this student:

22 26 COA Applied Studies

4 ways to return the FHS Diploma form to the Counseling Office.

1. Mail back to FHS (705 Waterloo Rd., Warrenton, VA 20186).. **or**
2. Scan and email to trobinsn@fcps1.org .. **or**
3. Virtual Senior—drop form off in the Main Office .. **or**
4. Hybrid Senior—drop form off in the Counseling Office



WHO IS NEW IN COUNSELING?

STEPHANIE DAKON!



I was raised in Manassas City and graduated from Osborn High School in 1988. My husband and I have raised 5 children in Bealeton, VA. We still have 3 living at home. My 2 daughters attend Liberty High school and my son started at Cedar Lee Middle School this year. Our oldest son has been in the Navy since he graduated from Liberty High School in 2013 and became a father earlier this month. We have a ton of animals which are too many to list. I am so excited to be working with such an amazing staff and teachers.

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HOW TO ACCESS THE FHS COUNSELING WEBSITE

Go to: www.fcpsl.org/fauquier

Go to (at top of page): Parents & Students

Choose: School Counseling

Seniors – check out tabs on left “Seniors” and “Scholarships”

Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman – check out respective tab on left



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