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SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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The Senior Newsletter will be published monthly. It is the intention of the senior counselors to bring you up-to-date on topics related to post secondary graduate planning. The information in this newsletter will answer most of the questions seniors ask their homeroom advisors and counselors as they prepare to graduate. Please read it carefully before making an appointment to meet with your counselor or requesting information from the registrar. Keep this newsletter for reference throughout the year.

Tips for the Best Admissions or Scholarship Application

- Complete the Application in full
- Apply only if you are eligible
- Read and follow the directions
- Neatness counts
- Make sure your essay makes an impression.
- Pay attention to deadlines
- Ask for help if you need it
- Give it a final "once over"
- Send it to the correct office

Remember...Your application is the first impression of YOU! Make it count!!

College Tours

Can't jump on an airplane or drive to visit colleges? Try campus tours via the web with over 800 U.S. colleges and universities providing virtual college tour, campus maps, university videos, and other official college presentations. If the college you would like to attend does not have a virtual tour option, try www.ecampustours.com (info. Shared by Robert E. Lee High School)

Need help finding the right college or university? Simply visit:

GoCollege.com
GAcollege411.org

Welcome Back to the Class of 2007!

Your senior year has finally arrived! With all of the excitement of sharing your summer experiences, renewing friendships and beginning the school year, you are faced with the equally exciting *assignment* of having a GREAT senior year! We are thrilled to be a part of your education at this time. Time will pass quickly because there is so much to accomplish. We will help you gather information, apply to colleges and technical schools, apply for scholarships and financial aid, apply for jobs, evaluate the information you receive . . . While we may not have all of the answers, we will provide guidance through this process and do our *homework* to help get the answers you need. We will share information with you regularly during classroom guidance and advisement. The *lessons* you have learned at Grady will lead you to a successful and productive future. We're here to help you have a GREAT year! Before you know it, *final exams* and *graduation rehearsal* will be here!

Your Senior Counselors,
Mr. Arnold (A-L)
Mrs. Oliver (M-Z)

TRANSCRIPTS

Most colleges and many employers require a transcript with the application and a final transcript after graduation requirements have been met. Transcripts are not sent automatically. Students **MUST** request each one from the counselor's office by completing a "Transcript Request Form" and submitting it to your counselor **ten** days prior to the deadline. Seniors are encouraged to have college applications completed before making a transcript request. Seniors may request an unofficial transcript but official transcripts **MUST** be mailed by your counselor. Make sure you indicate on the request form the name and address of the school and/or scholarship for which you are applying. There is a \$1.00 fee per transcript request.

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Early Decision vs Early Action

When preparing to submit college applications, many students ask us about whether to apply for early decision or early action. The choice is sometimes hard to make. The differences are outlined below.

Early Decision Plan

Early decision is binding. You must attend the college or university if you are accepted and given a reasonable financial aid package. If accepted, you must withdraw any applications sent to other schools.

Early Action

Early action is not binding. It allows you to compare admissions and financial aid offers. You can apply early, but won't have to make a decision until May 1.

FREE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

Fast Web Scholarship Search: Fast Web offers a free online scholarship search providing accurate, fast, updated and important information on scholarships, grants and loans.

Go to: www.fastweb.com

College Visits

Date	College or University	Time
Sept. 13	Wheaton College	1:00 P.M.
Sept. 14	Boston College	1:45 P.M.
Sept. 14	Kalamazoo College	10:00 A.M.
Sept. 20	University of Chicago	TBA
Sept. 20	Wesleyan University	9:30 A.M.
Sept. 20	Swartmore College	10:10 A.M.
Sept. 21	Duke University	10:00 A.M.
Sept. 21	Earlham College	1:45 P.M.
Sept. 27	Howard University	10:30 A.M.
Sept. 29	Elon University	11:30 A.M.

More schools to be announced (See your counselor for a hall pass)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

Grade point average and class rank are computed on seven semesters (9th, 10th, 11th and semester 1 of 12th) and will be available during individual guidance sessions with the senior counselors.

Up Coming Events

Sept 12-16	GHSGT- Re-Test
Sept. 18	Westminster College Fair
Sept. 18	EOCT Make-Up
Sept 22	PROBE College Fair
Sept 27	GHSGT -Writing
Sept 28 Jr./Sr.	Night

SAT & ACT 2006-2007

If you have not taken the **SAT** or **ACT**, or if you would like to take it for a second time, we recommend that you do so as soon as possible this year. All registration materials are available in the Guidance Office. You can also register for the SAT I & SAT II on-line at www.collegeboard.com and the ACT at www.act.org. The SAT II is optional, and only required by some colleges. Check with the colleges to which you are applying to see what they require. If you have any questions, schedule an appointment with your counselor. **Henry W. Grady High School's CEEB CODE is 110-170. Prep classes are strongly recommended.**

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline
SAT I & II	Oct. 14	Sept. 12	ACT	Sept. 16	Aug. 18
SAT I & II	Nov. 4	Sept 29	ACT	Oct. 28	Sept. 22
SAT I & II	Dec. 2	Nov 1	ACT	Dec. 9	Nov. 3
SAT I & II	Jan. 27	Dec. 20	ACT	Feb. 10	Jan. 5
SAT I & II	Mar 10	Feb. 2	ACT	April 14	March 9
SAT I & II	May 5	Mar 29	ACT	June 9	May 4
SAT I & II	June 2	April 27			