

TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR YOUR WEEK AHEAD October 10, 2023

Junior Parents/Guardians – TONIGHT!

Join us tonight, **October 10th at 7:00-8:00 pm** in the PAC Theater where information regarding Post-Secondary Planning and the Junior Timeline will be discussed.

GEORGIA MATCH



SENIORS! Don't forget you will be receiving your GEORGIA MATCH letter soon! <u>GEORGIA MATCH</u> is the state's new Direct Admission program for high school students. You will receive your letter in the mail this month with a list of all the Georgia colleges and universities where you qualify for admission. Then, in November, you can apply to college for FREE during

Apply to College Month in Georgia!

Juniors – Immunization Requirement

Parents/Guardians of 11th graders: Please don't forget that according to Georgia law, all students 16 years of age and older who are in 11th grade must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) unless their first dose was received on or after their 16th birthday (<u>https://dph.georgia.gov/immunizations</u>). Students/families must present a new Immunization Form (Form 3231) as soon as possible showing that this vaccination has been administered (unless they turn 16 during the year, at which point then they will have a 30-day extension). *Students without a Certificate will be considered out of compliance with the Department of Health Mandates, the Cobb County School District Policy, and may be subject to withdrawal.*

You may upload this document in ParentVue, email it to <u>lisa.squier@cobbk12.org</u>, or send in a hard copy with your student. Students with religious exemptions must submit Form 2208. For more information, visit <u>School Vaccines and Updates | Georgia Department of Public Health</u>. Questions? Email or call Lisa Squier at <u>lisa.squier@cobbk12.org</u> or 770-578-7903 x069.

Cornerstone Prep College Fair – October 16

Cornerstone Preparatory Academy is hosting a college fair next **Monday 6-8 pm**. Over 30 college reps from 8 different states will be there along with military representation, and four workshops led by college admission representatives! Raffle prizes will be announced throughout the evening (including a \$100 Visa gift card). Click on the flyer below to see what schools will be attending.



Pope High School College Mini-Fairs – Save the Dates

We have had 2 amazing college fairs so far this fall with 2 more scheduled (October 18 and November 8). Students of all grade levels, please save the dates and plan to join us in the Old Gym during X-block to visit with numerous colleges and universities. There is no need to reserve your spot! Simply head to the Old Gym at the start of X-block, visit with as many schools as you like. When the bell rings at 2:50 pm please either leave campus if you have a ride, or proceed to the Old Theater where you will remain until 3:30 when the bell rings. A list of our next fair's participants is in the flyer below!

FAIR #3 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 + DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50 PM IN THE OLD GYM

COLLEGE

Agnes Scott University Augusta University Dalton State College Emerson College Georgia Army National Guard Georgia College & State University Gordon State College Kennesaw State University The Marines New York University Samford University University of Kentucky University of Kentucky University of North Georgia

University of Michigan – 2 Virtual Information Sessions UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Join Aaron Lett, Admissions Counselor, as he hosts 2 virtual information fairs for the University of Michigan. He will give a brief introduction to the admissions process, and then use the remaining time for a Q&A session. Interested students should register for either session by clicking on the date below:

Wednesday, October 11th: 6:15 pm-7:45 pm EST

Join Zoom Meeting https://umich.zoom.us/j/8695395931 Meeting ID: 869 539 5931

Wednesday, October 18th: 1:45 pm-3:15 pm EST

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Should I Apply Early Decision to College?

This is a great <u>article</u> to help you decide if you should consider applying early decision to a college.

FAFSA Changes and Delay

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. As a result, **the new form will be available in December 2023, not October 1,** as in prior years. Please view this video to learn about the changes to the FAFSA that seniors/families will complete for college <u>https://youtu.be/UOglb7StyPU?si=U55uZPwLYw-z08s5</u>. Learn more about FAFSA updates coming soon: <u>https://StudentAid.gov/decemberfafsa</u> Learn more about the FAFSA process at <u>https://StudentAid.gov</u>. When the FAFSA opens in December, you will complete your FAFSA at <u>https://fafsa.gov</u>. And finally, a <u>great article</u> on the FAFSA and delays this year.



Applerouth is hosting a webinar on **October 19th at 8 pm**: <u>The Digital SAT is Coming: What High</u> <u>Schoolers Need to Know</u>. Join Applerouth founder, Jed Applerouth, and digital SAT expert, Matthew Kiesner, as they talk about the digital SAT coming in March and what all this change means for current high schoolers as they apply to college.

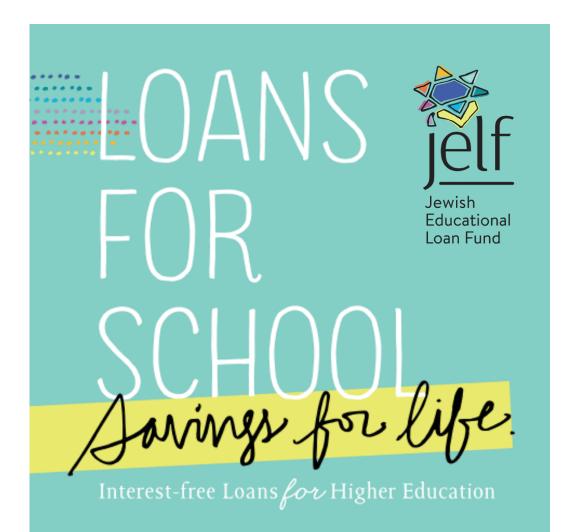
Interested in the Military?

Would you like to learn more about the military? Mark your calendar for **this Saturday**, **October 14**th and head over to South Cobb High School. There will be a military fair and information sessions. See the flyer below for more details.



Jewish Educational Loan Fund

Have you heard of <u>JELF (Jewish Educational Loan Fund)</u>? For over 60 years JELF has been providing 0% interest loans to students who are from FL, GA, NC, SC, or VA (excluding metro DC) and pursuing higher education at the U.S.-accredited institution of their choice. To learn more about getting involved, applying, or making a donation, visit <u>https://jelf.org/</u>.



EnCORE Academy



EnCORE Academy is a post-high school program in partnership with Gwinnett Technical College. Students will be part of a learning community at the EnCORE campus in Woodstock, Georgia. Students will enroll in college-level courses offered through Gwinnett Tech, and they will receive course specific support during and after a class, engage in structured social skills opportunities, integrate available resources to support personalized needs, and learn to navigate the first-year of college. Students can select a full or part-time learning track. EnCORE Academy will work with families as they navigate the application, enrollment, registration, and support services processes. Details about the program are available here. For those interested,

there is an upcoming information session on **tomorrow**, **October 11**th **at 6:30 pm**. Please register <u>for the info session</u> and if you have any questions, email <u>deepa.shriram@thecoreschool.org</u>.

HOBY Leadership Program for Sophomores



The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Program is a 3-4 day seminar that takes place in Georgia (location TBD) sometime in May/June, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity for rising juniors to develop leadership and communication skills and learn how to apply these skills to become effective and ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Students will live on a college campus, learn about their leadership style, and connect with leaders around the state. Pope can send up to 3 students, and the cost is \$395/person. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please stop by the Counseling Office and see Mrs. Anderson and visit <u>www.HOBY.org</u>.

High School to High Heels Mentoring Program

The Northwest Georgia Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. is excited to extend an invitation to young ladies in grades 9-12 to participate in its High School to High Heels Mentoring Program. Spearheaded by the Education Committee, the Mentoring Program is an excellent opportunity to meet others in the community and be mentored by dynamic women committed to providing African American female youth with tools to help them succeed as they complete their high school education and pursue educational goals at the post-secondary level. Participants in the program will engage in activities that promote advocacy for social justice, nurture mind, body, and soul, foster economic empowerment, and establish lifelong social and professional networks. The High School to High Heels Mentoring Program strives to promote leadership skills and increase exposure to careers in STEM, while increasing the number of African American females who attend college and ultimately obtain a bachelor's degree and beyond. Participation in the mentoring program affords graduating seniors the opportunity to

qualify for college scholarships. For more details, please plan to attend a <u>virtual information</u> <u>session</u> on October 14th from 10 am to 12 pm.



Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month

Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month continues through Sunday and this week we recognize **SONIA SOTOMAYOR** who became the first Latina and the third woman to serve on the Supreme court of the United States. She received degrees from Princeton University and Yale Law School.

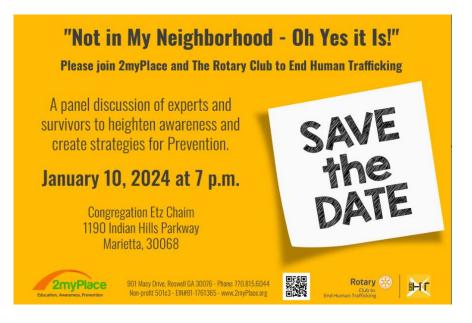
Please stop by our Counseling bulletin board right outside Room 102 to read more about Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month.

Navigate Notification Overload – Ways Parents Can Help Kids

Check out this <u>blog</u> by Dr. Delaney Ruston as she lays out effective tools parents and their kids can follow to navigate notification overload on their phones.

End Human Trafficking

Save The Date! In January, there is going to be a panel discussion by experts who are working to heighten awareness and create strategies for prevention of Human Trafficking. You can get more information by contacting 2MyPlace, which is co-sponsoring this event. Contact information is in the flyer below.



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