



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE September 1, 2026

Seniors - Class of 2027

Wednesday Workshops!

Seniors! Have questions on using SchoolLinks? Need help requesting recommendations or working on your Common App? Need to follow up on a FutureFocus topic? Stop by the Counseling Office to pick up a pass to join the Counselors during your lunch period. **They will be available THREE MORE WEDNESDAYS (9/2, 9/9, and 9/16) to answer your questions.** Meet them in the Professional Development room in the Learning Commons during your lunch period to get some help. Don't forget to pick up a pass in the Counseling Office to be able to attend!

Georgia Tech Offers Help Session for Completing College Applications

All seniors are invited to attend a workshop on **Saturday, September 5th (11 am – 2 pm)** at Georgia Tech to better understand the college application process, and to participate in a fair for engineering majors and other interactive workshops. Scan the QR code to sign up.



Prep for College Applications Together

Join GT SWE on Georgia Tech Campus to prepare for college and beyond by understanding the college application process.

**Saturday, September 5th, 2026
11AM - 2PM**

Event Activities:

- Understand college applications
- Engineering majors fair
- Interactive workshops
- Q&A with our SWE members

Sign up at: tinyurl.com/2026collegeprepdlay



Hosted by Georgia Tech Society of Women Engineers
Location to be released closer to event date.

Instagram
[@georgiatechswes](https://www.instagram.com/georgiatechswes)

FutureFocus Lessons – Counselor Letter of Recommendation Requests – Student and Parent Brag Sheets and Resume

In order for seniors to request a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, they must verify that they've completed/provided 3 required items – the Student Brag Sheet, the Parent Brag Sheet, and a Resume; ensure that the college(s) are entered in SchoolLinks in their College Application Manager; and finally, come fill out their **Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Card in Counseling**. The absolute latest deadline for completing these steps is 2 weeks prior to the student's application deadline (NOT including holidays, weekends, or breaks).

Brag Sheets: Students can access and complete the Student Brag Sheet directly in SchoolLinks (now LIVE!). The Brag Sheet is a link in their To-Do list visible right on their homepage. The Parent Brag Sheet questions can be found in the Senior Counseling CTLS classroom in Resources. Students should download this Word document and provide it to their parents to complete. They can then either email it directly to the counselor OR the student can upload it into their SchoolLinks Documents.

Resumes: Resumes can either be emailed or uploaded into their SchoolLinks Documents. Alternatively, students can also complete their SchoolLinks Profile, and this can also serve as a resume (and can even be exported as a Word Document to share with others, if desired). If you need additional information about Letters of Recommendations and Resumes, two FutureFocus presentations have been uploaded into Counseling CTLS -> Resources that address these topics in great detail! All FutureFocus presentations can also be found on the Pope School Counseling website under [12th Grade](#).



Save the Date! Financial Aid Night with GSFC – September 14th at 7 pm in the PAC

Join Anna Roberts O'Brien, our regional GSFC representative, for our annual Financial Aid Night. She will cover great information about the financial aid process, including details about the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

United States Presidential Scholar Program

Each year, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program honors some of our nation's most exceptional high school seniors who shine through academic achievement, artistic talent, and career and technical excellence. Established by executive order in 1964, the program has grown to recognize up to 161 students annually, celebrating those whose accomplishments reflect the highest ideals of scholarship, creativity, and leadership.

The 2027 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program application window is now open and closes on November 1st at 5 pm. High school seniors may apply, provided they meet all program qualifications. The application, program criteria, and informational brochures are on the Excellence Recognitions PSP webpage at [U.S. Presidential Scholar – Georgia Department of Education](#).

Application Link: [2027 PSP Application](#)

Verification Forms: [Click Here](#)

Student Application Guidance: [Click Here](#)

Information for All Grades

Junior Parent Night is TOMORROW at 7 pm in the PAC

Junior parents/guardians – We hope you will join the Counseling Department **TOMORROW, September 2nd at 7 pm** in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) where we will review information to help our 11th graders navigate junior year. Post-secondary planning and the junior timeline will be discussed. If you are unable to attend, the presentation will be posted on our website later this week.

Freshman Parent Night – Presentation Posted

If you missed the Freshman Parent Information Night last week, you can now view the [presentation](#) on our Counseling website.

Pope's Dual Enrollment Information Night – September 8th at 7 pm in the PAC

Join us on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7pm in the PAC** for an informational meeting about Georgia's Dual Enrollment program and how we implement the program at Pope. We will cover eligibility, various options within the program, benefits, logistical considerations, processes, and much more. Many of our students participate by taking core classes, but increasingly, students are seeking career and trade-oriented classes that can lead to official certifications, technical diplomas, and more through the Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD) program. **This meeting is required for any student who wishes to participate in DE for the 2027-28 school year.** Those unable to attend will be able to find a recorded version of the presentation on our website after the meeting. ***All families who attend should be sure to complete the attendance log at the conclusion of the meeting.*** If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor!

The Peach State Tour is Back



Join Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia this fall (August 25-September 24) for the 24th annual Peach State Tour!

The Peach State Tour will be offered in a hybrid format: students will have the opportunity to attend information sessions both in-person and virtually. This is your chance to learn more about the admission and financial aid processes and university offerings based on which session you attend. Find out more information about locations, dates, and registration [here](#).

Fine Arts Music College Fair

See the flyer for the Fine Arts Music College Fair coming to East Cobb Middle School on **September 10th**!



FINE ARTS

Music College Fair



Register Here
<https://bit.ly/26musiccollegefair>

- Auburn University
- Augusta University
- Berklee College of Music
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Clayton State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Eastman School of Music
- Florida State University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- LaGrange College
- Manhattan School of Music
- Mannes at The New School
- Northwestern University
- Piedmont University
- Reinhardt University
- Rice University
- St. Thomas University

- The Juilliard School
- The San Francisco Conservatory
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of North Texas
- University of Tennessee
- University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University
- Vanderbilt University
- Young Harris College

September 10, 2026

EAST COBB MIDDLE SCHOOL
5:00: PANEL DISCUSSION
6:00-8:00: COLLEGE FAIR






Cobb County School District College Fair

Scholar Trek is hosting a comprehensive college fair at Walton High School on **September 14th**. [Over 90 colleges](#) will be in attendance! All grade levels are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The schedule will be as follows:

College Fair: 6:00-7:30 pm

Optional Workshops:

5:00-6:00 pm – Understanding the U.S. College Application Process

6:45-7:15 pm – Financial Aid Overview

7:30-8:00 pm – Crafting Strong College Essays

Students register [here](#). Parents/Families register [here](#).

Turner Chapel College Fair - November 7th

Mark your calendar for the annual Turner Chapel AME College Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for students and families to learn what it takes to get into college. Over 50 colleges, universities, and resource organizations will be onsite. It's FREE but [registration](#) is required. Meet experts, discover opportunities, and build your tomorrow. See the flyer for further information.



Student Journalism Workshop at CNN

The Asian American Journalists Association Atlanta Chapter invites students to a FREE 2026 Student Journalism Workshop at CNN, where they can learn from working journalists and explore media careers.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — check-in begins at 8:15 am

Location: CNN, 1050 Techwood Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 — next to Georgia Tech

Cost: Free — lunch will be provided

Schedule and sign-up link: <https://linktr.ee/AAJAATL>

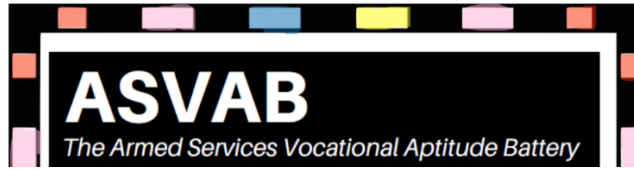
Find out what students are saying about the event [here](#).

The workshop is open to all 8th grade, high school, and college students. Students do not need to be journalism or AAPI students to attend. Students will learn from professional journalists, find out about media careers, tour CNN studios and control rooms — including CNN10 — and receive a certificate of participation.

Students must sign up using the link above. Spots are limited, so sign up soon!

Questions? Email AAJAATLChapter@gmail.com.

ASVAB Opportunity for 11th and 12th Graders



Pope will be offering the **ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP)** the morning of **Thursday, October 15th to any interested juniors *not participating in the PSAT*, and any interested seniors**. The ASVAB is the assessment needed for [military enlistment](#), but this program also provides students with a free highly researched and reliable career assessment that helps them explore careers and plan their futures. For an overview of the ASVAB, please click [HERE](#).

Participation in the ASVAB does not obligate a student to talk with military recruiters or consider a military career, and scores are not shared with recruiters.

Interested 11th and 12th graders must **sign up before October 9th** to participate. Scan the QR code to register or click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/PopeASVAB-signup>. The test is administered digitally, so be sure to bring your charged CCSD issued laptop that morning. Location of testing is TBD. Stop by the Counseling Office if you have questions.



West Point Admissions Event – TOMORROW NIGHT

Students are cordially invited to an admissions event for the United States Military Academy **TOMORROW, September 2nd at 6 pm** (Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5040 Riverfield Dr, Peachtree Corners, GA). This is a unique opportunity to learn more about West Point, life as a Cadet, and the application process. [Register](#) to reserve your place for this great experience to see if it is the right fit for you, and to understand how you can apply.

Virtual Pilot Seminar

California Aeronautical University will be hosting a virtual pilot seminar for students interested in aviation or becoming a pilot. The event will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm**. Register [here](#) and see the flyer for more details.

They will provide information on:

- How flight training works
- Pathways & degrees offered
- California Aeronautical University
- Financial aid and more





Prepare for Takeoff

ASPIRING PILOT SEMINAR

RSVP TO ATTEND
calaero.edu/pilot-seminar



VIRTUAL EVENT
 Thursday, September 3
 2:30PM PST / 5:30PM EST
 Meeting Link Provided Upon Registration

Thinking of a career as a pilot? Not sure what steps to take to get there?
 Attend our virtual Aspiring Pilot Seminar as a great first step in understanding how to start your career as a pilot.

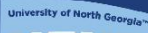
SEMINAR SCHEDULE

- What is the best flight plan?**
 Explore the right questions to ask when researching and comparing aviation universities.
- Preparing for takeoff**
 Cover important topics like admissions requirements, FAA medical certificate, restricted ATP benefits, and navigating the pilot application process.
- Navigating your journey**
 Flight training stages and the role of an aviation university in your journey.
- Wrap-up**
 Closing remarks, Q&A discussion, and the opportunity to win giveaways.

calaero.edu | (661) 615-5915 | admissions@calaero.edu

UNG Next Fest

This fall, the Office of Community Engagement at University of North Georgia will be hosting a series of inaugural academic festivals across their Power of Five campuses. These events are FREE and open to the public, where guests of all ages can enjoy a family-friendly, hands-on learning experience, live entertainment, food and fun. It's a chance to experience the university, engage with current Nighthawks, faculty, staff and alumni and enjoy a day filled with discovery and celebration. See the flyer with the event dates. For more information, contact Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@ung.edu.



NEXT FEST

ACADEMIC FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

NEXT FEST DATES	Location	Date & Time
NEXT FEST DATES	Gainesville	Saturday, August 29, 2026 9 AM - 2 PM
	Blue Ridge	Tuesday, September 22, 2026 11 AM - 4 PM
	Dahlonega	Saturday, November 7, 2026 11 AM - 4 PM
	Cumming	Thursday, March 4, 2027 11 AM - 4 PM
	Oconee	Thursday, March 18, 2027 11 AM - 4 PM

Enjoy Free, Family-Friendly Hands-On Learning Opportunities, Food & Fun!



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 UNIVERSITY of NORTH GEORGIA
 The Mountain Challenge Begins

Student Advisory Council

State School Superintendent Richard Woods seeks students in **grades 10-12** to serve on his **2026-2027 Student Advisory Council**. These students will meet with Superintendent Woods to discuss the impact of state policies in the classroom and other education-related issues. They will serve as the Superintendent's ambassadors to their respective schools. The Student Advisory Council will meet four times in person during the school year; meeting dates are listed in the application.

A message from Superintendent Woods: "One of the most important parts of my job is listening to students. The Student Advisory Council allows me to hear directly from young people about their experiences, challenges, and ideas for the future of education in Georgia. These students serve as ambassadors for their schools and communities, and their perspectives help ensure student voices remain at the center of our work. I encourage eligible students from across Georgia to apply and share their unique viewpoints."

Interested students must complete and submit the [application](#) by **THIS FRIDAY, September 4th at 5 pm**. Selected students will be contacted via email.

Revolution Prep – PSAT Prep

Follow along with Revolution Prep's PSAT 1, 2, 3 – Learn It, Take It, Interpret It. [Sign up](#) for this FREE resource!

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FREE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

PSAT 1, 2, 3



Where the PSAT fits

Three official tests, years apart. Each one does something different.

9TH AND 10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	11TH AND 12TH GRADE
Official PSAT Lowstakes. Minimal preparation required, and colleges never see the score.	Official PSAT/NMSQT The National Merit Qualifying Test, may be worth preparing for.	Official SAT or ACT The only scores colleges see, and only the ones you choose to send.

PRACTICE WITH REVOLUTION PREP Free, full-length unofficial practice exams before any of these. Scores never go to colleges.

1 LEARN IT

A free one-hour PSAT 101 session, online. The digital adaptive format, how scoring works, timing, and what test day actually feels like.

SESSIONS
Sun, Sep 13
Sun, Sep 27
4:00 PM PT / 7:00 PM ET

2 TAKE IT

A free full-length practice exam, live proctored online, in the same digital adaptive format College Board uses. Extended time supported. Self-proctored any time. Scan below for additional dates.

EXAM DATES
Sat, Aug 29
Sat, Sep 12
Sat, Sep 19
9:00 AM PT / 12:00 PM ET

3 INTERPRET IT

Score Report+ lands as soon as you finish, plus a free review with a Revolution Prep advisor to turn it into a testing timeline. Then join our webinar to plan your path forward.

PSAT/NMSQT: NOW WHAT?
Thu, Nov 5
Tue, Nov 17
Times vary | Recording provided

Score Report+ Section-by-section detail, pacing insights, official-style percentiles, and the three highest-impact areas to work on next.



ONE LINK. ALL THREE STEPS.

revolutionprep.com/hs/psat/123

Scan or visit to see every date, register, and find what fits your schedule.
Questions? Contact us: answers@revolutionprep.com | (877) 738-7737

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Applerouth's PSAT Prep

Applerouth's annual PSAT workshop/practice test event is back! This is a great way for students to prep for the PSAT (for free)! See the flyer to sign up for free online strategy sessions and practice tests.



 applerouth

PSAT PATHWAYS

Turn the PSAT Into a Testing Strategy

Free online strategy session + practice test

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STEP 1: Choose a 90-Minute PSAT Strategy Session



SEP 19	9:00 am CT 10:00 am ET
SEP 23	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET
SEP 29	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET
OCT 1	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET

All sessions held via Zoom

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STEP 2: Take an Online PSAT Practice Test

	SEP 26-27	OCT 3-4
ET	9am 12pm 3pm	9am 12pm 3pm
CT	8am 11am 2pm	8am 11am 2pm

Applerouth's free PSAT Pathways program offers:



A 90-Minute Workshop:
Expert guidance on Math, Reading, and Writing with test-taking strategies.



A Pressure-Free Practice Test:
Practice exam to familiarize students with the test format.



A Detailed Score Report:
Personalized roadmap, boosting students' confidence as they prepare for the PSAT and beyond.



REGISTER NOW!
applerouth.com/psat-pathways
 Scan the QR code to register!



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Get to Know Your Counseling Office

The Counseling Office is located in room 102. We are open from 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Students are welcome to stop in before or after school but should have a pass from their teacher to come in during the day. We are happy to make appointments for our students with their Counselor and will try to schedule those during a student's lunch period. Parents interested in scheduling an appointment should e-mail their Counselor directly. We look forward to working with you this year!



Back Row: Karen Anderson (Clerk), Leslie Shearstone (E-K), Lisa Squier (Records), Pam Kretzmer (Social Worker)
 Front Row: Jamie Hamrick (R-Z), Cheryl Gully (L-Q), Anna Leathers (A-D), Andi Hodgin (504s)

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