

# Weekly Update from Guidance Rising Seniors

# > Juniors Official Last Day of School:

- Last day for submitting all assignments is June 3rd
- Last day to check-in with attendance is June 5th

## Final Assessments:

- Final assessment will be in the form of a performance task and will be optional.
- The purpose of offering an optional final assessment is to provide students the opportunity to improve their overall year-to-date score, if needed.
- If you choose not to complete the assessment, your semester average will be used as your final exam grade.
- Reach out to your teachers regarding grades and final assessments.
- For <u>Juniors</u>, the optional final assessment will be due <u>May 29</u>. Last day to
- Applying to College: Summer is the perfect time before the chaos of Fall rolls around for you to start the preliminary phases of college admissions. Here are a few tips to get you started.
  - When possible schedule college visits and take notes that can be used to eventually narrow down your choices.
  - Take time to look over the frequently used college applications
    - Common App <u>https://www.commonapp.org/</u>
    - Coalition for College App <a href="https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/">https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/</a>
  - Start considering which of your teachers would write a strong letter of recommendation.
  - Explore schools' websites to learn admissions requirements and make sure that your senior class schedule meets all of the required courses you'll need for enrollment.
  - Begin brainstorming some topics that you could use for your personal essay.

Registration for Free College Essay Boot Camp: Ethan Sawyer, AKA the College Essay Guy is excited to offer students the chance to join a one-week college essay boot camp.

- Quick info on College Essay Guy: Ethan wrote the current bestselling book on the personal statement, <u>College Essay Essentials</u>
- He's well-regarded in the college admissions field and is considered one of the go-to resources on college essays
- His <u>website</u> has hundreds of free resources for applying to college
- He has a cool <u>podcast</u>!
- Students can join his summer essay boot camp from June 1st 5th at no cost.
- <u>This syllabus</u> maps out what Ethan will cover during the boot camp.
- <u>This 1-minute trailer</u> gives a sneak peek into the boot camp and the Choose Your Own Adventure Essay Tool:

## > CF Dual Enrollment and Testing Information:

- On May 13, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic the Florida Department of Education has suspended provisions in section (s.) 1007.263 (1), that requires colleges to "use tests to measure achievement of college-level communication and computation competencies by students entering college credit programs."
- As a result, placement testing is no longer necessary for dual enrollment students for fall admissions at the College of Central Florida until December 31, 2020.

- Initial eligibility for the Dual Enrollment program at the College of Central Florida (CF) for the Fall 2020 semester will require the following:
  - 1. Student is in grades 6-12
  - 2. Successful completion of 4 high school credits
  - 3. A minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA on official high school transcript
- If eligible students wishing to place into a higher-level math course, such as College Algebra (MAC1105), can take the CLM (College Level Math) assessment through the CF Testing Center. **Email:** <u>testing@cf.edu</u> **Phone:** 352-291-4419
- If you plan to take CF College Algebra in the Spring, you will need the adequate test scores (see below). In order, for you to register for CF College Algebra required test scores need to be submitted to guidance by July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you do not meet the require test scores for DE CF College Algebra you will be placed in the next level Math course for Quarter 1.
- The deadline to complete the registration process is **June 26**. Students who do not meet these requirements, register, and submit their documents to guidance will be transferred to the highest course preceding Dual Enrollment, if available.

TEST NAME	READING	ENGLISH	MATH (for MAC1105)
ACT	19	17	25.5
SAT	24	25	26.5
PERT	106	103	123
CLM	n/a	n/a	40-69

#### MAC 1105 COLLEGE ALGEBRA

#### > Barry University Dual Enrollment and Testing Information

- Common placement testing requirements have been suspended through the end of this calendar year (12/31/20). Therefore, for the 2020 Fall enrollments of new DE students, the only required standards will be that they have a 3.0 unweighted GPA and have a junior or senior level status.
- Continuing DE students must maintain the required GPA at the secondary and post-secondary levels (3.0 unweighted).
- New students, who are admitted for the upcoming Fall semester, will NOT require test scores later. Their non-test score admittance will continue with them for as long as they are in the program and maintain the required GPAs.
- The Guidance Office will check unweighted GPA's of all students who requested DE Religion or DE US History at the end of this school year.
- Students who do not meet the 3.0 unweighted GPA requirement will be transferred to the highest course preceding Dual Enrollment, if available.
- Additional enrollment paperwork will be completed during the first week of classes in August.

## > ACT Information:

- ACT will not open registration until July 2020.
- For up-to-date information visit: <u>www.act.org</u>

## > SAT Information:

- Registration for the 2020-21 SAT administrations will open the week of May 26<sup>th</sup> June registrants will be able to transfer their seat to a 2020-21 date.
- New SAT administration added a new date for Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Students who were registered for June and those in the high school class of 2021 who do not have SAT scores will have early access to registration for the August, September, and October administrations.
- This includes students who had registered for March or May and had their registrations canceled and refunded.
- Virtual College Presentation: Interested in attending Emory University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Notre Dame, and Washington University in St. Louis.
  - All the events will be live, not prerecorded.
  - Offering six sessions, each one will cover similar content. Students are encouraged to attend only one session, allowing space for as many viewers as possible.
  - Due to large crowds anticipated, they are not taking live questions. Students can submit questions ahead of time on their registration form, and representatives will do their best to cover them through the session content.

# Virtual Event Dates:

Sunday, May 31 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET (1:00 pm PT) <u>RSVP for May 31</u>

Tuesday, June 2 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm ET (1:00 pm PT) <u>RSVP for June 2</u>

Wednesday, June 3 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET (4:00 pm PT) <u>RSVP for June 3</u>

- > Virtual College Fair: Cialfo Online University Fair Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Opportunity to engage with 200+ colleges across two days. They are also raffling two pairs of Airpods Pro!
  - Guest speakers from Common App, National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) and the College Board.
  - Register soon space is limited: <u>https://explore.cialfo.co/webinars?utm\_source=activecampaign&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=mayfair-counselors</u>
- > Communicating with Counselors and Staying Connected:
  - Counselors are also available for face to face meeting through ZOOM if needed during school office hours 9:00am to 2:00pm. Email your respective counselor for an appointment
  - Each week counselors have scheduled ZOOM Class Meetings.

## Juniors ZOOM Meeting Information

- Time: 10:00 11:00 am each Wednesday
- Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/j/570506256</u> Meeting ID: 570 506 256

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's counselor at: Students with last names A-L: Mrs. Wiseman – 352-622-9025 x1114 / <u>wiseman@tchs.us</u> Students with last names M-Z: Mrs. Franco – 352-622-9025 x1116 / <u>jfranco@tchs.us</u>