



SENIOR NIGHT

Evangelical Christian School





WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT

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- The Guidance Counselor will:
- Work on schedules and academic choices
- Make sure graduation requirements are met
- Guide students in college and career choices
- Make students aware of scholarship opportunities
- Send transcripts
- Pray and cry with you!



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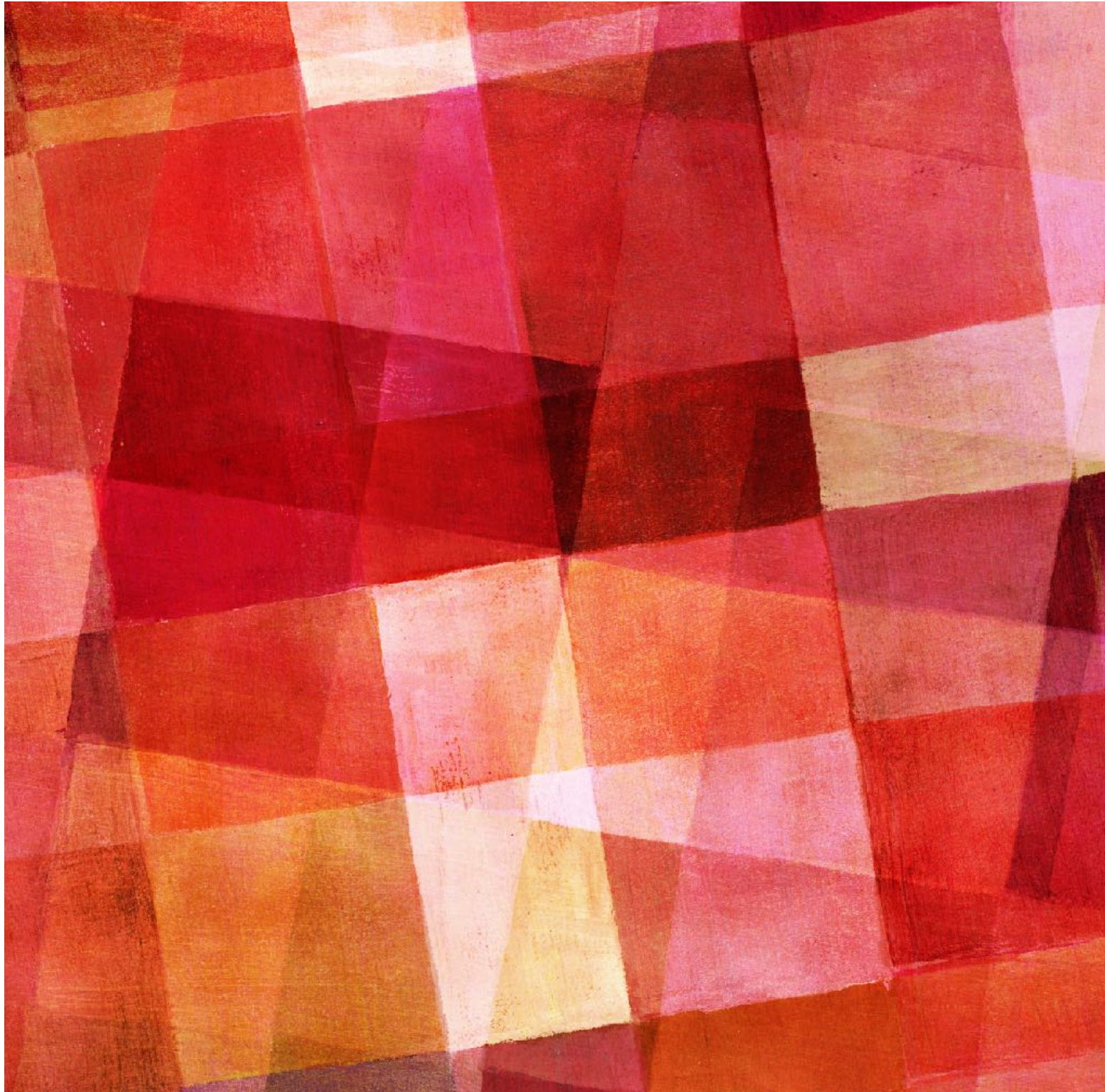
- The parent will:
- Discuss college and career options with student
- Visit colleges with student
- Help student apply for admissions and scholarships
- Fill out forms—FAFSA, FFAA, and all financial aid forms
- Communicate with admissions office
- Make lots of money to pay for this!



WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT

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- The student will:
- Think about colleges and careers
- Devise a list of colleges
- Apply (fill out applications, write essays, get recommendation letters, request transcripts, pay fees)
- Take the SAT/ACT (send scores to colleges, NCAA, NAIA)
- Finish strong!



Students who take charge of and navigate the college entrance process are more likely to finish with a degree and eventually a job. If you have to beg them to apply, quite possibly you'll have to beg them to go to class or to finish a degree.

SENIOR CHECK LIST: SEMESTER ONE

- Complete Supermatch on Naviance.
- List 3 colleges.
- Apply for admission.
- Use Naviance.
- Create a login and password for each application.
- Request transcripts through Naviance.
- Send test scores directly from SAT/ACT.
- Send in or upload any other forms.
- Pay the application fees.
- <http://connection.naviance.com/goecs>

SENIOR CHECK LIST: SEMESTER ONE

- Wait for acceptance or denial.
- Decision dates vary.
- Many announce online.
- Tell Mrs. Todd either way.
- Resubmit if necessary.
- Submit all necessary items to NCAA or NAIA for athletics.
- Create and maintain NCAA account for eligibility.
- <https://web3.ncaa.org>

SENIOR CHECK LIST: SEMESTER TWO

- Apply for scholarships.
- Fill out the FFAA for Florida Bright Futures.
- www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- Do this no matter what!
- Do this by May 18.
- Retest if necessary!
- Fill out the FAFSA.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Do any time now but before June 30, 2019.

SENIOR CHECK LIST: SEMESTER TWO

- Submit and financial aid forms.
- Make your decision.
- Send in housing deposit.
- Send in health forms.
- Sign up for orientation.
- Pack, and get ready for the next chapter of life!



TRANSCRIPTS

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- Request on Naviance.
- Do you need a mid-year?
- Make sure you request a final!
- Not everything goes on the transcript.
- Is everything right on your transcript?



COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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- Most are online.
- Spelling, punctuation, and grammar DO count.
- Never leave a portion empty.
- Know the deadlines.
- Brag!
- There is a Common App.
- Only send recommendations if they are suggested or required.
- Do the interview if suggested or required.



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

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- Florida Academic Scholar (FAS)
- 3.5 on the 16 core and 29/1290 test score
- 4 English, 4 math, 3 natural science, 3 social science, 2 foreign language
- 100% of tuition and applicable fees and \$300 each semester for additional educational expenses
- \$25, 473 for 120 hours



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

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- Florida Medallion Scholar (FMS)
- 3.0 on the 16 core and 26/1170 test score
- 75% of tuition and applicable fees
- \$9,240 for 120 hours
- Community service is required: 75/100 hours
- GPA must be maintained to remain eligible.



FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES

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- Fill out the FFAA on my prompting.
- Make sure you have BOTH test scores and GPA.
- Retest if necessary.
- Your college will be notified. No money changes hands.
- Maintain it!

“If you work a job and make \$8.25 an hour, how many hours does it take to make \$1000? If you spend 3 hours to write an essay and you earn \$1000, which activity is the better use of your time?

Hmmmmm



SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Think university, local, then national.
- Internet
- Bulletin board near my office
- Southwest Florida Community Foundation
- Civic organizations
- Deadlines!
- Semester One: Apply to college
- Semester Two: Pay for college



OTHER MONEY FOR COLLEGE

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- Pre-Paid
- Loans
 - Subsidized
 - Unsubsidized
- FAFSA—EFC
- Work study
- Loans accrue interest the entire time—payments begin 6 months after college is finished.
- Don't take out loans that don't support the vocation.

SOME HELPFUL TIPS

- Be careful on social media.
- Choose wisely!
- Maintain a good reputation.
- Don't get into any trouble!
- Enjoy the year, even in the midst of all the deadlines and stress.
- Make memories!



DATES TO REMEMBER

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- September 10: Christian College Fair, 9-10:30am at ECS
- October 3: Lee County College Night, 6-8pm at FSW
- November 19-23: Thanksgiving Break
- December 18-20: Midterms
- January 7-11: Senior Trip
- March 18-22: Spring Break
- May 13-15: Senior Exams
- May 17: 12th Grade Commencement