



Roadmap to College

Who: All 9th & 10th grade students and parents

When & Where: March 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Lower School Lunchroom

- Standardized Testing
- College Admissions
- Course Selection
- Bright Futures
- College Athletics
- So much more!

Priority to schedule a one-on-one appointment will be given to families with at least one parent in attendance

Scholarship Opportunities

MacDill Officers' Spouses' Club

Grades: 12 Deadline: March 24th

Criteria: Tampa Bay area residents, dependent of active or retired uniform service member.

More Details: www.macdillosc.com

Johnson Scholarship

Grades: 12 Deadline: May 1st

Criteria: Students with disabilities who will attend one of the 12 state universities in Florida

More Details: www.jsf.bz

Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship

Grades: 12 Deadline: June 1st

Criteria: Students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree

More Details: www.aspiringprofessionalscholarship

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship

Grades: 12 Deadline: June 30th

Criteria: Students that are interested in pursuing a nursing degree and have a track record of excellent academics in math and science

More Details: www.nursescholarship

College Boot Camp

Who: Class of 2018

Dates: July 17-19

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

What: Join Mrs. Shiver for the most productive three days of your summer. Together, we will complete 2 college applications, complete 2 college essays, and polish high school resume

[Registration Form](#)

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College Visits

6 Steps to get the most of your campus visit!

CollegeBoard

1. Decide where you are going to visit. Research colleges online that fit your goals and desires.
2. Prepare for your visit. Call the admissions office and setup an official tour. Keep in mind that it is best to visit when school is in session and there are students on campus.
3. Take your own tour. Spend some time wandering around the campus on your own and explore the city surrounding the college.
4. Explore the facilities. Look for spots on campus where students gather. Check out the places to eat. Ask your admissions representative if you can sit in on a class.
5. Make connections. Talk to current students and ask them what they like best about their college.
6. Take notes. What do you see that excites you? Are there aspects of the college that you don't like? Can you see yourself walking around on campus?

Did You Know

Only 40% of students who enroll at four-year institutions actually graduate in four years? - The Journal of College Admissions

Helpful Tip: when you look at a college's graduation rate, be sure you are seeing their 4 year rate and not just the 6 year rate.

Where You Go Matters

"A lot of what college comes down to is not what happens in the classroom. It's about navigating life and building relationships" said Barbara Conner in *The Journal of College Admissions*. When making your decision on where to attend college, think about what kind of people you want to have an impact on your life. Steve Henderson, President of Christian Consulting for Colleges and Ministries, Inc. states "not only do students normally reflect the values of the college professors of their senior year, but they also tend to reflect these same values 25 years later." If students and young adults truly do reflect the values of their college professors, then shouldn't that factor in to your college decision? Henderson goes on to talk about how often times the price savings of college tuition is not worth the cost. It is not uncommon for seniors and their parents to automatically cross Christian colleges off their list of potential options because of price. I urge each of you to look past the "sticker price" when developing your list of potential colleges. Remember you are looking for a place that will likely determine who you become. While Christian colleges might have a higher initial price tag, they often offer enough financial aid to reduce the out of pocket expense comparable with other public and private institutions.

Read the full article, [A Question of Price vs. Cost](#) written by Steve Henderson for an in depth view of Christian Colleges.

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2017-2018 Course Request

3/20: Request forms sent home

3/28: Deadline to submit completed request forms

Please be sure that you are enrolled prior to 3/20! Schedule request forms will only be accepted if you have completed the enrollment process.

Think on This...

Students need to first know who they are, what they value, how they learn, and what their goals are for their college years and beyond. With a realistic understanding of their academic profile in hand, I encourage them to focus on schools where they are a solid match for the typical admitted pool.
- *The Journal of College Admission*

Interesting Read...

Check out [this article](#) from The University of Georgia about extracurricular activities in high school.

