Junior/Senior Parent Night September 2012

Topics

- How will the counselor help?
- Graduation Requirements
- Internal/External Safety Nets
- GPA
- Naviance
- Earning College Credit

- Applying to College
 - SUS Matrix
 - Application Deadlines
 - **Test Score**
 - www.flvc.org
- Paying for College
 - Florida Bright Futures
 -) FAFSA
 - Scholarships

How will the counselor help?

- •College visits
- •Open Door: during all lunches
- •E-mail
- Guidance website
- Credit Checks
- Provide personal, social and academic counseling
- Assist in college application process
- Write letters of recommendation
- •Help us brag about your student! Tell us where they are going to college and what scholarships they have been awarded!!!

Graduation Requirements Class of 2013

	General Diploma	4 Year College Prep (recommended Progression)
English Credits	4	4 (honors or above at junior and senior level)
Math Credits	4 (must include Algebra 1 or Algebra 1A and Algebra 1B)	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 course above Algebra 2)
Science Credits	3 (2 must include a Lab component)	4 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional honors or AP level)
Social Studies Credits	3 (World History, US History, Government and Economics)	4 (World History, US History, Government, Economics and 1 additional)
Foreign Language Credits		2 (Same World Language)
Additional Academics		1 (Must be in English, Math, Science, Social Studies or World Language)
PE and Health	НОРЕ	НОРЕ
Performing Fine Arts Credit	1	1
Electives	8	3

2.0 or higher GPA

Passing score on 10th grade Reading FCAT and Math FCAT (typically a scale score of 300 or higher)

Graduation Requirements Class of 2014

	General Diploma	4 Year College Prep (recommended Progression)
English Credits	4	4 (honors or above at junior and senior level)
Math Credits	4 (must include Algebra 1, Geometry and 2 additional math credits)	4 (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 and 1 course above Algebra 2)
Science Credits	3 (2 must include a Lab component)	4 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and 1 additional honors or AP level)
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2.0 or higher GPA

Passing score on 10th grade Reading 2.0 FCAT (scale 245 or higher) and Completion of the Algebra 1 EOC (30% of overall Algebra 1 grade)

Need Help?!?

Your student is ultimately responsible for graduating from High School!

- If they are missing credits, or lacking the GPA, contact the counselor immediately!
- The student is responsible for turning in final credits/grades from FLVS/SJVS to their guidance counselor
- We can offer credit recovery options and discuss in detail your student's path for graduation

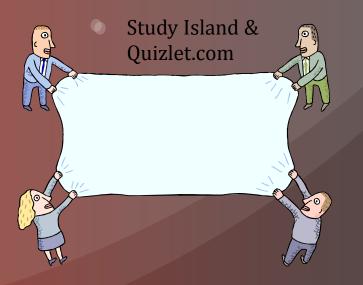
Safety Nets

Internally

- Intensive Reading
- Tutoring with the teacher
- Tutoring with NHS students
- Mu Alpha Theta (Math honor society)
- Science Honor Society
- English Honor Society
- Hispanic Honor Society
- School wide literacy program
- Writing across the curriculum
- Data chats
- PLATO Program

Externally

- Private tutoring
- FCAT Explorer
- FLVS/SJVS
- First Coast Technical College



Common Myths about Graduation Requirements
Are community service hours required?
How many years of Foreign Language are needed?

O Do students receive a different diploma based on their academic track?



GPA

- GPA starts in 9th grade, or in middle school, if the student was awarded high school credit (generally for a Math or a Foreign Language)
- <u>ALL classes taken are included into GPA calculations</u>
- It is the <u>semester</u> grade that becomes a part of the GPA, unless the course is considered a full credit course (Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology)



GPA



Unweighted GPA – Graduation GPA

- All courses (academic and elective) are averaged into the GPA; grade forgiveness applies
- Weighted GPA Ranking GPA
 - All courses (academic and elective) are averaged into the GPA; grade forgiveness applies
 - .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP and DE

Bright Futures GPA and College Admissions GPA (does not round up)

- All CORE academic courses plus 2 years of Foreign Language (plus optional 2 academic electives are averaged into the GPA)
- .5 weight for honors, AP and DE for Bright Futures
- .5 weight for honors, 1.0 weight for AP and DE for College Admissions
- To Check eligibility for these 2 GPA's check www.FLVC.org

Example: Unweighted: 4.0, Weighted: 4.688, Bright Futures: 4.2, College Admissions: 4.3

www.FLVC.org – formerly known as FACTS.org

- Academic Advising
- State University System Admissions Requirements Evaluation
- O Bright Futures Evaluation
- College and University Search
- College, Career and Financial Planning
- High School Planning
- Track Progress towards Graduation
- And more!

FLVC.ORG If you had an account created previously with FACTS.org, your username and password will be the same



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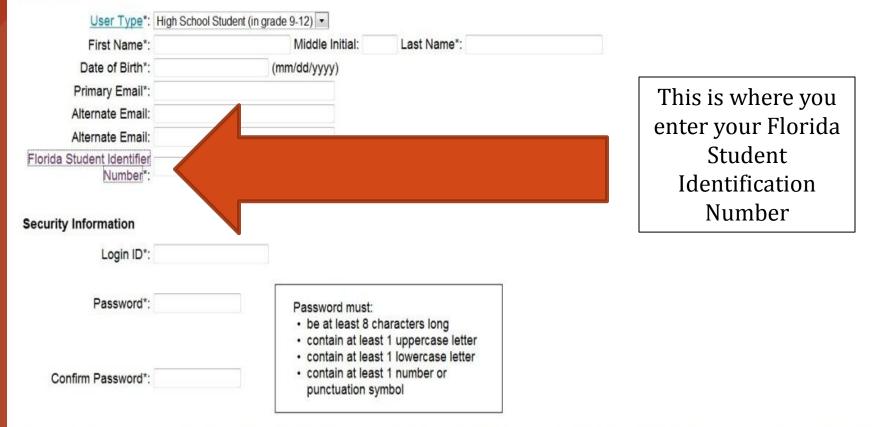


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Create Account

Please provide your personal information as it is listed on official school records. Items marked with an asterisk are required.

General Information



Please select and answer three questions below. If you forget your login ID or password in the future, we will use these questions to retrieve your login ID and allow you to https://www.flweiorg/flweio

How to Request a Transcript

- Seniors were given **1 unofficial copy** of their transcript for review.
 - correct spelling of name
 - social security number
 - all credits are entered
 - courses have been grade forgiven
 - The right level of courses have been reflected (TV Pro 3 versus TV Pro 4)
 - Correct number of service hours
 - SAT/ACT scores have been entered correctly
 - any other information that may be missing
- Transcript requests are available in the guidance office with **Mrs. Spurgeon**.
- Students can stop by and fill out a transcript request form between 8:30am and 3:45pm.
- Transcripts can be sent two ways: Electronically (ONLY to Florida Public Schools) and Paper (to all Private Florida schools and Out of State Schools).
- Paper transcripts are \$2.00 and take 3-5 days to process.
- Please order them well in advance of your deadline!
- Encourage juniors to order a paper transcript for review or meet with their counselor

How to Request a Transcript from Collegeboard and SJRSC

If the student was awarded college credit in high school.....

For AP Credits:

• Contact <u>www.collegeboard.com</u> to send official transcript of AP scores to the final college they will be attending

For Dual Enrollment Credits:

• Transcripts can be ordered at <u>www.sjrstate.edu</u> under the student tab you will see transcripts/records. Send these transcripts to the student's final college they will be attending

Can I earn College Credit while in High School?

Yes.....Through Dual Enrollment

Qualifications

- Entering junior year of high school
- 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA
- Recommendation from a teacher
- SAT, ACT, or alternate test score (must earn a passing score)

Locations

- St. John's River State College
- Creekside High School
- We offer: College Algebra, Statistics, Composition 1 & 2, Student Success, and Environmental Science

- Yes.....Through Advanced Placement Courses
- Qualifications
 - At least a level 3 on FCAT in subject area
 - C or higher in previous honors/AP course OR A in previous standard course
 - Recommendation from a teacher
 - Level 3 or higher on AP exam may award college credit

Juniors – CPT will be offered in January - must turn in Dual Enrollment Application by December 3rd for consideration.

College Planning

Pre-Planning:

- Know the admission requirements and deadlines
- Schedule to re-take the college entrance exam (SAT, ACT, CPT or PERT)
- If required, request letters of recommendation and draft admissions essays

Application:

- Apply online at the College or University's Web site (between 3-5 schools)
- Fill out an application completely and honestly
- Submit additional requirements such as application fee, transcripts, photocopies, essay, resume, and/or letters of recommendation
- Keep a copy of your completed application for your records

Notification:

- The institution will notify applicants of their decision via online status check or possibly by mail (more are moving to the online status notifications)
- Upon acceptance, applicants will be informed of the next steps

What are Colleges and Universities Looking for in Students for Acceptance

- Academic Rigor
- Strength of Senior schedule
- Courses taken vs. Courses available
- •Grade Point Average (GPA)
- •SAT/ACT scores
- School and Community Involvement/Leadership
- Community Service

State University Matrix

Universities	FSU	UCF	UF	UNF	USF	FIU
Total Enrollment Fall 2012:	41,710	58,698	49,589	16,368	39,629	47,966
Preferred Time to Apply:	Prior to October 15 & January 14	Rolling – so Fall of Senior Year	Nov. 1	Prior to Nov. 16	January 2	July 1 st – December 1 st
Avg. Accepted GPA –	3.7-4.3	3.5 – 4.2	4.1 – 4.5	3.5-4.21	3.97-4.27	3.5-4.1
Mid-Range SAT Accepted :	M: 580-670 R: 590-670 W: 530-610	M: 590-670 R: 570-660 W: 540-630	M: 620- 720 R: 610- 710 W: 610- 710	M: 580-660 R: 570-650 W: 520-610	M: 600-650 R: 590-630 W: 580-620	M: 530-620 R: 540-620 W: 530-610
Mid-Range ACT Accepted:	26-30 (with writing)	25-29	28-32	25-27	27-29	23-26
Tuition & Fees for 30 credit hours:	\$6,403	\$6,783	\$6,170	\$6,235	\$5,800	\$6,417
Top 3 Majors:	Biology, Business, Engineering	Psychology Business Engineering	Psychology Biology, Engineer	Business Communications and business management Psychology	Business, Accounting, Engineering	Liberal Arts Business Engineering

State University Matrix Con't....

Universities	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	NCF	UWF	
Total Enrollment Fall 2012:	13,207	29,313	12,661	845	12,126	
Preferred Time to Apply:	August	Fall of Senior Year	Sept 1 – Nov 15	By November 1	Fall	
Avg. Accepted GPA –	3.0-3.49	3.35-3.95	3.5-4.1	3.73-4.33	3.4	
Mid-Range SAT Accepted :	M: 400-490 R: 400-490 W: 400-490	M: 510-600 R: 510-590 W: 510-590	M: 480- 570 R: 470- 560 W: 460- 550	M: 590-680 R: 630-730 W: 610-710	M: 493 R: 504 W: 470	
Mid-Range ACT Accepted :	17-20	23-27	20-24	28-31	22	
Tuition & Fees for 30 credit hours:	\$4,553	\$5,986	\$6,318	\$6,783	\$6,237	
Top 3 Majors:	Pharmacy Business Criminal Justice	Biology Elem. Education Psych	Mgmt. Biology Comm.	Biology Psych Economics	Biology Business Education	

Application Deadlines

College	Admissions Deadline
University of North Florida	Prior to November 16 then rolling
University of Central Florida	Fall admission: May 1 st Summer: March 1 st
University of Florida	November 1
Florida State University	October 15 & January 14
University of South Florida	January 2 – Scholarship deadline March 1 – Deadline for financial aid April 15 – Final application deadline
University of Alabama	Dec 1 st (scholarships) & February 1 st
University of Georgia	October 15 (Early Action) January 15
Jacksonville University	June 1 st
Flagler College	March 1 st
University of Miami	November 1 st

Application Deadlines – Very Important!!

- Rolling admissions
 - Can submit application at convenience but typically no later than Jan.1
 - Student notified within 4 weeks of application submission
- Regular Decision
 - Application submitted by college deadline date
 - Applications are evaluated and typically notified during spring semester
 - Most common
- Early Action
 - Process is highly selective not binding
 - Students are notified of decision and are allowed to apply to other schools
 - No financial awards are made until April
- Early Decision
 - Application submitted by Nov. 1 of your senior year
 - Decision is made by mid-December
 - Required to sign acceptance of admissions binding

Standardized Test Dates

SAT

АСТ

<u>www.collegeboard.com</u>

www.act.org

Test Date	Register by:	Late registration by:	Test Date
			September
November 3, 2012	October 4 th	October 19	2012
			October 27
December 1 st	November 1 st	November 16 th	
Lawrence 2 Cth 2012	December 20	Laura 1 1 th	December 8
January 26 th 2013	December 28	January 11 th	
March 9 th	February 8	February 22	February 9 ^t
May 4 th	April 5 th	April 19	April 13 th
June 1 st	May 2 nd	May 17th	June 8

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 8, 2012	August 17	August 24
October 27	September 21	October 5
December 8 th	November 2 nd	November 16
February 9 th	January 11	January 18
April 13 th	March 8	March 22
June 8	May 3 rd	May 17 th

Need Help with SAT/ACT?

DOME SAT review offers a free SAT Prep program online with over 1000 math, reading, and writing study guides, 5000 SAT vocabulary flash cards and SAT practice tests. For more information please go to http://domesatreview.com

SAT Prep Florida offers test prep sessions for the SAT at a variety of local high schools. For more information and to register for a SAT Prep class please go to http://satprepflorida.com/

The University of North Florida offers free SAT and ACT test prep sessions at the college on different Saturdays throughout the year. To register for one of the sesssions, please go to http://www.unf.edu/admissions/diversity/Multicultural_Event_Registration.aspx

College Board offers free strategies to help in preparing for the SAT exam <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>

ACT offers free strategies to help in preparing for the ACT exam <u>www.act.org</u>

Tutoring Club of St. Johns provides local high school students an excellent opportunity to experience a full-length practice for SAT or ACT test. Each student will receive a full analysis of strengths and weaknesses to assist in preparing them for the real SAT or ACT test. The cost of this practice SAT or ACT test is \$35.00 with a certain proceed going back to Creekside High School Guidance. For more information and/or to reserve a seat please call Elizabeth Loeser at 904-230-2855 or email at stjohnsfl@tutoringclub.com

SAT/ACT Practice tests will be given on:

•November 4, 2012

• February 3, 2013

• May 19, 2013

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• June 8, 2012.

Paying for College – Where to look for scholarships.....

- Search the internet (scholarships.com, fastweb.com, Guidance webpage, etc)
- The Guidance Webpage at Creekside High School has scholarships separated by the month they are due
- Explore State Programs (Florida Bright Futures)
- **Contact the school directly look for Academic Scholarships**
- Naviance
- www.flvc.org

General Eligibility Requirements for Bright Futures

- Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as determined by you postsecondary institution.
- Enroll in an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary institution
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 hours per term (or the equivalent)
- Begin using the scholarship funds within three years of graduation (unless you enlist in the military).
- Must not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, a felony charge.
- Must apply during last year in high school Application opens Dec. 1 of senior year.
- Must complete the FASFA application opens January 1, 2013

16 "Core" Credits

- •English: 4 Credits
- •Math: 4 Credits (Liberal Arts Math and Informal Geometry do not count)
- •Science: Top 3
- Social Studies: Top 3
- •World Language: Top 2
- •Plus 2 additional academic electives to help boost BF GPA

Check www.FLVC.org for Bright Futures GPA

Academic Scholars (FAS) – For students graduating in June 2013

Initial Requirement

- 3.5 Weighted GPA
- 16 credits of college prep courses
- 100 hours of community service
- 1280minimum SAT score (reading & math)
- 28 minimum composite ACT Score

Award Value

 Currently paying:
 \$100.00 per credit hour at the Universities and
 \$61.00 per credit hour at the community college

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Medallion Scholars (FMS) – For students graduating in June 2013

Initial Requirement

- 3.0 Weighted GPA
- 16 credits of college prep courses
- 75 hours of community service
- 1020 minimum SAT score (reading & math)
- 22 minimum composite ACT Score

Award Value

• Currently paying: \$75.00 per credit hour at the Universities and \$47.00 per credit hour at the community college

Medallion Scholars (FMS) – For students graduating in June 2014

Initial Requirement

- 3.0 Weighted GPA
- 16 credits of college prep courses
- 75 hours of community service
- 1050 minimum SAT score (reading & math)
- 23 minimum composite ACT Score

Award Value

 Currently paying: \$75.00 per credit hour at the Universities and \$47.00 per credit hour at the community college

Gold Seal Vocational (GSV)– For students graduating in June 2013 & 2014

•3.0 Weighted GPA in "CORE" classes (instead of World Language that is counted for the other CORE GPA, use Fine Arts and HOPE)

•3.5 Unweighted GPA in 3 vocational credits in 1 vocational program

•83 in Reading and Sentence Skills and 72 on the Algebra sections of the CPT, OR 440 on the Reading and Math SAT, Or a 17 on the ACT English, 18 on the ACT Reading and 19 on the ACT Math

•30 hours of community service

•Award amounts match Florida Medallion Scholars

Common Questions & Answers about BF

Q = Where do students go to apply?

A = By completing the FLORIDA FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION available on line at:

www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org

- **Q** = When will students know if they qualify?
 - **A** = Eligibility evaluation are completed twice a year:
 - After 7th semester (fall)
 - Coursework completed, coursework in progress for spring and test scores for all tests taken through

January 31st.

- March notification
- After 8th semester (spring)
 - Coursework completed and test scores for all tests taken through June 30th.
 - August notification
- **Q** = How can I determine my Bright Futures eligibility?

A = <u>*FLVC.org*</u> - evaluation are based on the most recent transcript received from the students school district.

Q = How will I be notified of my eligibility?

A = Notification will be sent by e-mail only.

Activate your User ID and PIN:

Know it, Use it and Be Responsible for your state financial aid!

Q = What if I have a prepaid college plan?

A = You can use both the prepaid and the Bright Futures Scholarship. Bright Futures can be used to cover expenses that the prepaid plan does not cover.

Financial Aid Season

Federal Aid Review

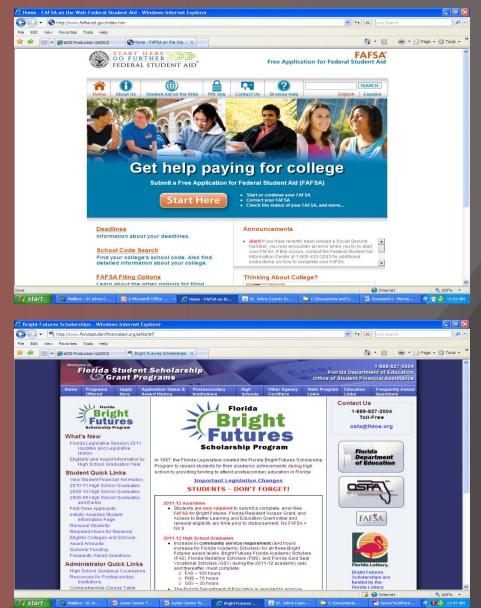
www.fasfa.ed.gov

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
- Opens January 1, 2013 (the earlier you apply the better!)
- Federal PELL Grants and Scholarships

State Aid Review

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

- Florida Financial Aid Application
- Opens December 1, 2012
- Florida Bright Futures
- FAFSA Required to receive funds





• WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

- Web-based resource for building your resume, for career and college planning. Paid for by CHS PTSO.
- How do you find it? Naviance web link on CHS home page. Video tutorial at CHS homepage under Parent tab. Also found on the Web:

> <u>http://connection.naviance.com/creeksidehs</u>

- Parent account connected to Student account.
- Also visit the Guidance College and Career Center



Naviance Gets You Organized!

- Compare colleges & save what you like about them for future reference.
- Assess your skills for careers and interests for college majors with "Do What You Are" test.
- Link to resources like scholarships and loan programs, enrichment programs for high school students.
- Build your high school resume for college applications and track your college deadlines.
- Explore careers to learn responsibilities and income opportunities.



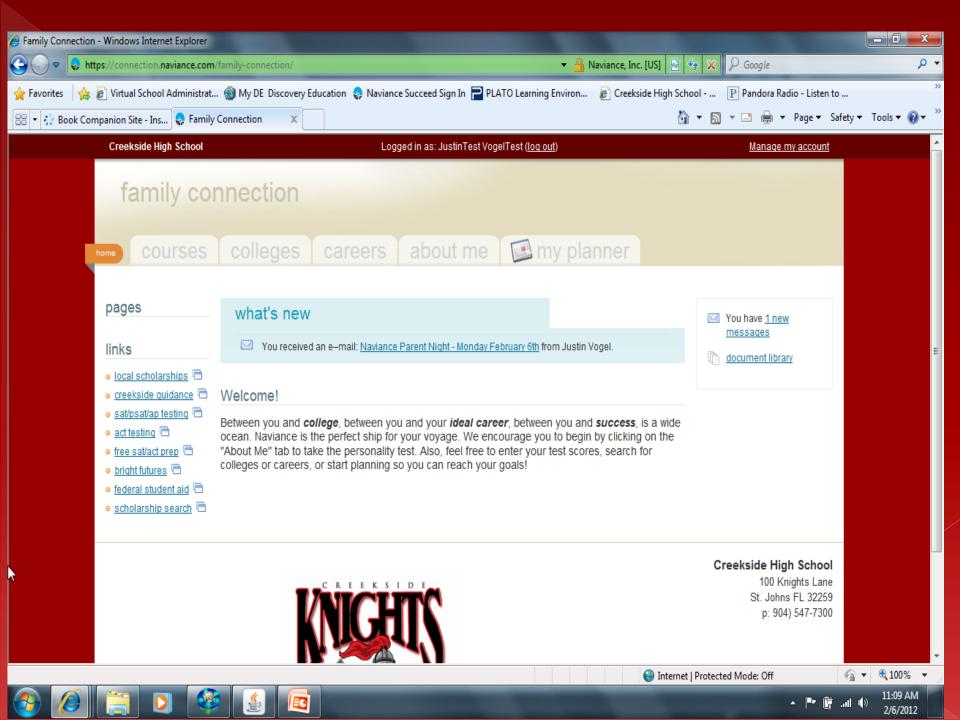
HOW DO I GET MY NAVIANCE ACOUNT?

- Each student receives a code.
 - > Use assigned code to open your personal account.
 - > Then personalize your log-in password in Naviance and use Naviance whenever you want to.

• CONTACTS:

- Melissa Scott for your assigned code and administration questions
- > Melissa.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Cathy Klein PTSO liaison for user help, ideas,
- > ckleinfla@comcast.net

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Guidance Information

Best way to contact the guidance counselors outside of school:

Ms. Fusco – <u>fuscoa@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> (A-G) Ms. Fornera – <u>fornerj@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> (H-O) Ms. Auman – <u>aumank@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> (P-Z) Mrs. Scott – <u>Melissa.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> (Testing & Naviance)

> To set up a parent/teacher conference: Mrs. Spurgeon, guidance secretary: <u>904-547-7327</u>



Questions and Answers

