

SENIOR FALL 2013 GUIDANCE PRESENTATION

A-G

Ms. Fusco

H-O

Ms. Fornera

P-Z

Ms. Auman

Intervention Counselor – Mrs. Scott

Testing Coordinator – Mrs. Carnall



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



SENIOR YEAR – WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

August – Thanksgiving

- **College Choice**
 - Attend College Fairs
 - Visit with College Representatives at CHS. – click on College Visits on Guidance Webpage
 - Do thorough college visits.
 - Campus interviews.
 - Complete application requests.
 - Consider essay topics.
 - Attend campus open houses.
 - Do final list of college applications:

- **Records, Testing and Academic**
 - October/November SAT /SAT Subject/ACT Tests.
 - Begin to apply for scholarships. – Scholarship page on Guidance Website
 - Review Transcript with Counselor
 - Start finalizing community service volunteer hours (100-75) needed for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.
 - Register for EOC testing for Scholars diploma

SENIOR YEAR – WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

December 1 – February

- College Choice
 - Request housing forms and send deposits.
 - Deadlines for most college applications.
 - Colleges review applications.
 - Notification of Decisions on college applications

- Records, Testing and Academic
 - Complete Florida Financial Aid Application (for Bright Futures).
 - www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org
 - FAFSA forms available for financial aid - do not mail until after Jan 1.
 - www.fasfa.ed.gov
 - December SAT and ACT Tests.
 - January SAT Test.
 - Mid-year Grade Report to colleges

SENIOR YEAR – WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

March – May

- **College Choice**
 - **May 1 Common Response Date Acceptance of admission; withdraw other applications**
 - **Wait List Decision**
 - **Visit colleges offering admission – Final Choice**

- **Records, Testing and Academic**
 - **March SAT Test**
 - **Finalize plans for housing, financial aid and Scholarships.**
 - **May AP Tests, SAT/ACT Tests re-take, if necessary, for Bright Futures**
 - **Bright Futures Notifications**
 - **EOC testing for Scholars Diploma qualification**

HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT

- **Order a Transcript for \$2 to check on the following:**
 - 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 & Ortiz**
- **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! We encourage all seniors to order at least one unofficial paper transcript to review for accuracy.**
- **Please check to see if transcript was submitted**

HOW TO REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT FROM COLLEGEBOARD AND SJRSC

If you were awarded college credit in high school.....

For AP Credits:

- **Contact www.collegeboard.org to send your official transcript of AP scores to your final college you will be attending**

For Dual Enrollment Credits:

- **Transcripts can be ordered at www.sjrstate.edu under the student tab you will see transcripts/records. Send these transcripts to your final college you will be attending**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

	General Diploma	Scholar Recognition	Merit Recognition
English Credits	4 (English I,II,III,IV)	4 (English I,II,III,IV)	4 (English I,II,III,IV)
Math Credits	4 (must include Algebra 1)	4 – Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Statistics course or an equivalent - pass ALG 1 EOC	4 (must included Algebra 1)
Science Credits	3 (2 must include a Lab component) – <i>Forensic Science does not count</i>	3 – Pass Biology EOC; Chemistry or Physics	3 (2 must be a lab component)
Social Studies Credits	3 (World History, US History, Government and Economics)	3 – World, US, Gov/Econ must pass US History EOC	3 – US History, World History, GOV/ECON
Foreign Language Credits		2	
Additional Academics		1 AP or DE course	Attain Industry certification
PE and Health	HOPE	HOPE	HOPE
Performing Fine Arts Credit	1	1	
Electives	8	1 course completed online	

2.0 or higher GPA; Passing score on 10th grade Reading FCAT

SCHOLAR'S RECOGNITION

- **Scholar Designation** The requirements of the *scholar designation* include all requirements of a standard diploma plus:
 - Pass Algebra 1 EOC
 - Earn one credit in Algebra 2
 - Earn one credit in Statistics or an equally rigorous mathematics course (Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus AB/BC)
 - Pass the Biology 1 EOC
 - Earn one credit in Chemistry or Physics
 - Pass the US History EOC
 - Earn two credits in the same foreign language
 - Earn at least one credit in AP, Dual Enrollment
 - Take an online course
 - *Alert counselor if these requirements have been met*

MERIT DESIGNATION

- The requirements of the *merit designation* include all requirements of the standard diploma plus:
- Attain one or more approved industry certifications (generally in the Academy program the student has participated in at CHS)
- *Please alert counselor if these requirements have been met*

RISK FOR GRADUATION

- We have options available to aid your student
- Conference with teachers and counselor
- Set up in recovery lab (PLATO) (Science courses not available)
- Courses can also be recovered online through FLVS
- FCTC Adult Basic Education Night courses to complete HS credit courses needed for graduation (see counselor for details)
- Monitor child's progress through Home Access Center

COMMON MYTHS ABOUT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Community Service hours required?**
- **How many years of Foreign Language required?**



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**
 - 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: 4.3, College Admissions: 4.2

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:	41,301	59,758	49,913	16,356	41,047	50,394
Preferred Time to Apply:	Prior to October 16	Fall of Senior Year	September 3 – November 1	Prior to December 13	Before January 2	July 1- November 1
Avg. Accepted GPA – Fall	3.8-4.3	3.5-4.2	4.1-4.5	3.93-4.23	3.75-4.3	3.3-3.9
Mid-Range SAT Accepted – Fall	1730-2010	1700-1960	1820-2130	1800-1920	1660-1930	1600-1850
Mid-Range ACT Accepted – Fall	26-30	25-29	28-32	26-27	24-28	23-26
Tuition & Fees for 30 credit hours:	6,575	6,317	6,270	6,235	6,410	6,542
Top 3 Majors:	Biological Science, Business, Engineering	Psychology Business Engineering	Psychology, Biology, Mechanical Engineering	Business Communications and business management Psychology	Biomedical Science, Psychology, Business	Biology, Psychology, Hospitality Management

STATE UNIVERSITY MATRIX CON'T....

Universities	FAMU	FAU	FGCU	NCF	UWF	FLPOLY
Total Enrollment Fall 2012:	12,051	30,301	13,442	832	12,679	NEW!
Preferred Time to Apply:	August	Fall of Senior Year	September 1- Nov 15	November 1	Fall of Senior Year	N/A
Avg. Accepted GPA – Fall:	3.0-3.49	3.38-3.98	3.07-3.73	3.70-4.33	3.3-3.9	NA
Mid-Range SAT Accepted Fall:	1200-1500	1490-1770	1410-1680	1780-2100	1460-1600	NA
Mid-Range ACT Accepted Fall :	17-20	22-26	20-24	23-26	21-24	NA
Tuition & Fees for 30 credit hours:	4,553	5,986	6,118	6,783	6,356	
Top 3 Majors:	Pharmacy Business Criminal Justice	Biology, Accounting, Psychology	Mgmt. Biology Comm.	Biology, Psychology, Anthropology	Psychology, Biology, Exercise Science	STEM majors

APPLICATION DEADLINES

College	Admissions Deadline
University of North Florida	Rolling admission
University of Central Florida	Fall admission: May 1 st Summer: March 1 st
University of Florida	November 1
Florida State University	October 16 & January 15
University of South Florida	March 1
University of Alabama	Rolling admission – by February 15
University of Georgia	October 15 (Early Action) January 15
Jacksonville University	Rolling admission (March 1, priority)
Flagler College	November 1 st , March 1 st
University of Miami	January 1 st

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-university-search/>

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

REGISTERING FOR ACT/SAT

- For ACT

- www.act.org

- For the SAT

- www.collegeboard.com

PAYING FOR COLLEGE – WHERE TO LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.....

- Search the internet (scholarships.com, fastweb.com, Guidance webpage, etc)
- Explore State Programs (Florida Bright Futures)
- Contact the school directly – look for Academic Scholarships
- Naviance & www.flvc.org

What is Bright Futures

- Merit based scholarship program funded by the Florida Lottery.
- Its purpose is to reward academic achievement by providing funding to attend postsecondary education in Florida.
- There are three different awards within this program
- You are responsible to ensure you qualify for BF

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BRIGHT FUTURES

- Be a Florida resident and U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen as determined by your 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 two 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 your last year in high school - Application opens Dec. 1 of senior year.
- Please submit service hours as soon as possible to meet eligibility

ACADEMIC SCHOLARS (FAS) – FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN JUNE 2014

Initial Requirement

- **3.5 Weighted GPA**
- **16 credits of college prep courses**
- **100 hours of community service**
- **1290 minimum SAT score (reading & math)**
- **29 minimum composite ACT Score**

Award Value

- **Current Recipients are earning \$103 per credit hour**
- **Subject to change**

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**
- **1170 minimum SAT score (reading & math)**
- **26 minimum composite ACT Score**

Award Value

- **Current recipients are earning \$77 per credit hour**
- **Subject to change**

GOLD SEAL VOCATIONAL (GSV)– FOR STUDENTS GRADUATING IN JUNE 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

SAT Score: 440 in Reading and Math

ACT: English 17, Reading 18, Math 18

Pert : Reading 104, Writing 99, Math 113

30 hours of community service

Beginning with 2012-13, students may be funded for up to 100% of their program of study in Career Education and Technical Degree Education programs; these include: Associate of Science degrees (AS), Associate of Applied Science degrees (AAS), College Credit Certificates (CCC), Postsecondary Adult Vocational (PSAV) career certificates, and Applied Technology Diplomas (ATD).

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 = FLVC.org - 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.

WWW.FLVC.ORG – FORMERLY KNOWN AS FACTS.ORG

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

FLVC.ORG

IF YOU HAD AN ACCOUNT CREATED PREVIOUSLY WITH FACTS.ORG, YOUR USERNAME AND PASSWORD WILL BE THE SAME



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC). At the top left is the logo for Florida Virtual Campus, consisting of 'FL' in a blue box and 'VC' in a teal box, with 'FLORIDA VIRTUAL CAMPUS' text to the right. To the right of the logo are two buttons: 'Student Login' (blue) and 'Create Account' (red). Below the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: 'About FLVC', 'Online Courses', 'Degrees & Careers', 'Apply', 'My Records', 'Student Services', and 'Library Services'. The main heading reads 'Welcome to Florida's Online Learning Resource Center'. Below this is a paragraph of text: 'Florida's colleges and universities offer hundreds of online courses to meet your needs. Looking for a course to round out your schedule? Need help starting your full-time or part-time college career? Want to check your college transcripts? Find it all right here!'. To the right of this text is an image of several hands holding up black graduation caps. Below the text and image is a line of text: '--A service of the State University System of Florida and the Florida College System'. At the bottom, there is a row of six icons with labels: 'Online Courses' (person at a desk), 'Degrees & Careers' (graduation cap), 'Apply' (pencil and paper), 'My Records' (document with checkmark), 'Student Services' (globe), and 'Library Services' (books and a magnifying glass).

FLVC CONTINUED

Create Account

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

General Information

User Type*: High School Student (in grade 9-12) ▾

First Name*: Middle Initial: Last Name*:

Date of Birth*: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Primary Email*:

Alternate Email:

Alternate Email:

Florida Student Identifier
Number*:



**This is where you
enter your Florida
Student
Identification
Number**

Security Information

Login ID*:

Password*:

Confirm Password*:

Password must:

- be at least 8 characters long
- contain at least 1 uppercase letter
- contain at least 1 lowercase letter
- contain at least 1 number or punctuation symbol

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 http://www.flvc.org/flvc/portal/Home_Page/factsCreateAccount/Int/p/e5/04_SB8K8xLLM9MSSzPy8xBz9CP0os3iDEEtPfx9TQwN_V08zA89gf0c_b2NTlwMDA80_f_zcVP2G6Ed

[\(Close Window\)](#)



Florida Student Identifier Number

Upon entry to the Florida School System, each student is assigned an official 10-digit Florida Student Identifier Number, which is the primary identifier for all education records and transactions. The number may be one of two formats (see below); the large majority of Florida Student Identifier Numbers are based on the Social Security Number format.

Format 1

If the student has a Social Security Number and it was provided to the school district, the Florida Student Identifier Number will have the following format:

First 9 digits: the student's Social Security Number; and
The 10th digit: the letter "X".

If the student does not provide a Social Security Number to the school district, the school district will assign a 10-digit Florida Student Number Identifier to the student, formatted as follows:

First 2 digits: The first 2 digits will represent the district number of initial entry into the Florida school system; and

The Last 8 digits: The last digits are district-defined in such a way as to result in a unique student number within the district in which the number is originally assigned.

The Florida Student Identifier Number is protected by student privacy laws and under no circumstances is the ID (or other personally identifiable information) released unless required by law. The ID number is encrypted when transmitted and stored as a confidential attribute. The ID number is also "dotted out" on the screen so that on-lookers are prohibited from viewing the information.

If you need help locating this number, please see your school counselor.

<http://www.flvc.org/flvc/wcm/connect/Web+Content/flvc/other/jfsin>

FINANCIAL AID SEASON

Federal Aid Review

www.fasfa.ed.gov

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
- Opens January 1, 2014 (the earlier you apply the better!)
- Federal PELL Grants and Scholarships

State Aid Review

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

- Florida Financial Aid Application
- Opens December 1, 2013
- Florida Bright Futures

The screenshot shows the FAFSA website homepage in Internet Explorer. The browser address bar displays "http://www.fasfa.ed.gov/index.htm". The page features the FAFSA logo with the tagline "Free Application for Federal Student Aid". A navigation menu includes links for Home, About Us, Student Aid on the Web, PIN Site, Contact Us, and Browse Help. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area has a large banner with the text "Get help paying for college" and "Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)", accompanied by a "Start Here" button. Below the banner, there are sections for "Deadlines", "School Code Search", "FAFSA Filing Options", "Announcements", and "Thinking About College?". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including Microsoft Office and St. Johns County.

The screenshot shows the Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs website in Internet Explorer. The browser address bar displays "http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/lsfad/bf/". The page is titled "Florida Student Scholarship Grant Programs" and is part of the Florida Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance. A navigation menu includes links for Home, Programs Offered, Apply Here, Application Status & Award History, Postsecondary Institutions, High Schools, Other Agency Certifiers, State Program Links, Education Links, and Frequently Asked Questions. The main content area features the "Bright Futures Scholarship Program" logo and a "What's New" section with links for "Student Quick Links" and "Administrator Quick Links". A prominent section titled "Important Legislative Changes" lists "STUDENTS - DON'T FORGET!" with bullet points for "2011-12 Awardees" and "2011-12 High School Graduates". The right sidebar contains a "Contact Us" section with the phone number 1-888-827-2004 and the email address osta@fldoe.org, along with logos for the Florida Department of Education, OSTA, and FAFSA. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications, including Microsoft Office and St. Johns County.

COLLEGE ADMISSION/SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY WORKSHOP

Bartram Trail Branch Library

Thursdays October 17, 24

Monday November 4

6:00pm

FREE workshop

Call: 827-6960

Must Pre-Register

NAVIANCE

MRS. MELISSA SCOTT

MRS. CARNALL

NAVIANCE SPECIALISTS

[HTTP://WWW-
CSHS.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/PARENTS/NAVIANCE](http://www-cshs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/naviance)

[HTTPS://CONNECTION.NAVIANCE.COM/FAMILY-
CONNECTION/AUTH/LOGIN/?HSID=CREEKSIDEHS](https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/auth/login/?hsid=creeksidehs)

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT WEBSITE TO CHECK ON BRIGHT FUTURES ELIGIBILITY, TAKE PERSONALITY ASSESSMENTS AND INVENTORIES, CHECK THAT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, AND TO EXPLORE COLLEGES AND CAREERS!



NAVIANCE

■ WHAT IS NAVIANCE?

- Web-based resource for building your resume, for career and college planning. Paid for by CHS PTSO.

- Naviance web link on CHS home page. Video tutorial at CHS homepage under Parent tab. Also found on the Web:
 - <http://connection.naviance.com/creeksidehs>

- Parent account connected to Student account.



NAVIANCE

■ 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.



NAVIANCE

■ HOW DO I GET MY NAVIANCE ACCOUNT?

■ CONTACTS:

- Melissa Scott and Linda Carnall – for your assigned code and administration questions
- Melissa.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Carnall@stjohns.k12.fl.us

- Carla Razuri – PTSO liaison for user assistance
- csrazuri44@aol.com

family connection

- home
- courses
- colleges
- careers
- about me
- my planner

pages

links

- local scholarships
- creekside guidance
- sat/psat/ap testing
- act testing
- free sat/act prep
- bright futures
- federal student aid
- scholarship search

what's new

You received an e-mail: [Naviance Parent Night - Monday February 6th](#) from Justin Vogel.

You have [1 new messages](#)

[document library](#)

Welcome!

Between you and **college**, between you and your **ideal career**, between you and **success**, is a wide ocean. Naviance is the perfect ship for your voyage. We encourage you to begin by clicking on the "About Me" tab to take the personality test. Also, feel free to enter your test scores, search for colleges or careers, or start planning so you can reach your goals!



Creekside High School
100 Knights Lane
St. Johns FL 32259
p. 904) 547-7300



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



CONTACT INFORMATION

Best way to contact the guidance counselors & testing coordinator outside of school

Ms. Fusco – fuscoa@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Ms. Fornera – fornerj@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Ms. Auman – aumank@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Scott – Melissa.Scott@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Carnall – Carnall@stjohns.k12.fl.us

To set up a parent/teacher conference

Mrs. Spurgeon, guidance secretary:

904-547-7327