



# *Junior Information*

*Planning for the Senior Year.*

*Senior Success*

*Rising Senior Night – March 17, 2022*

*A night for Juniors and their parents*

# ***COUNSELORS***

*Class of 2023 & 2025*  
*Mrs. Rachel Harris*

*Class of 2022 & 2024*  
*Mrs. Jill Denton*

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# *Junior Meeting*

*Welcome to the Junior Meeting!*

*The purpose of this meeting is to guide you through the steps of graduating and preparing for life after high school.*

*I plan to cover several topics in this presentation that will help you navigate the final year of high school.*

*I will also share resources to help guide you along as you transition to life after high school.*

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# *Graduation Check & Transcripts*

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- Are you in the classes you need to graduate?
- Did you repeat any classes? Make up failed classes?
- Early Graduation?
  - Current policy permits students who have completed all graduation requirements and meet the outlined requirements in the early graduation policy to graduate after seven semesters – December of senior year.
  - Students who choose to graduate early must provide proof of postsecondary enrollment or have an approved job.
  - Interested students should see Rachel Harris.

# *Graduation Requirements*

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- 28 credits needed to graduate
- 4 credits of Language Arts (ELA)
- 3 credits of Science: Biology and 2 more
- 4 credits of Math: Algebra, Geometry, and 2 more
- 3 credits of Social Studies:
  - .5 Government, .5 Economics, World History, US History*
- 1 credit of Physical Education:
  - .5 PE; .5 Lifetime Wellness*
- 8 electives: CTE classes, Fine Arts, Spanish I and II

*How do you  
figure out your  
Quality Point  
(4.0 Scale) GPA?*

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- Each grade you receive in all credit bearing courses is worth a point value:
  - An "A" is worth 4 points
  - A "B" is worth 3 points
  - A "C" is worth 2 points
  - A "D" is worth 1 point
  - An "F" is worth 0 points
- The point values are averaged together to determine your GPA

# *Preparing For The Next Step*

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A few tips.....

- Plan ahead to avoid being overwhelmed.
- Stay on top of your grades.
- Pay close attention to deadlines.
- Research the schools you are interested in.
- Start planning for tomorrow TODAY.
- Juniors should have the ACT score and the GPA they want by the beginning of their senior year.

# *Applying to Colleges*

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- Pick 3 to 5 schools that interest you.
- Get an application for admission from the school's website or office of admissions. Most applications are online.
- Complete and return the application with all necessary materials that must go with it.
- Request a copy of your official transcript. Have your transcript sent to the school.
- Get a housing application if you plan to live on campus.
- Find out what test (ACT or SAT) is required and the deadlines for submitting your official score report.
- If you have questions ask your parents, guidance counselor, or an admissions director.



# *College Visits*

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- These visits must be pre-approved by the principal.
- Juniors can schedule up to 2 college campus visits.
- A request must be submitted three days in advance if you want school leave. Request forms can be found in the counseling office.
- Try to visit college when they are in session or during Open House or Preview Nights.
- On weekends, all you will see are empty buildings!

# *Dual Enrollment*

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- Dual Enrollment programs allow students to enroll in classes that earn them college credit and count towards their high school diploma.
- Through the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant, qualifying students may receive \$300 per semester towards the cost of a dual enrollment course.
- Dual enrollment decreases the amount of time and money needed to attain a postsecondary degree.
- More to on this topic later in the presentation.

# *ACT Information*

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- Register for the ACT at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - Cost \$63 this year
  - Offered 6 times each year, nationally on Saturdays – no limit on how many times you can take the ACT
  - Score range – from 0 to 36
  - Some schools superscore
- Online registration is required.
- Check with your selected schools as to what tests are required for admission.
- If you plan to re-take the ACT, register ASAP

# *ACT Superscored*

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|---------|----|-----------|----|
| English | 26 | English   | 24 |
| Math    | 18 | Math      | 22 |
| Science | 20 | Science   | 18 |
| Reading | 25 | Reading   | 21 |
|         |    |           |    |
| English | 25 | English   | 26 |
| Math    | 23 | Math      | 23 |
| Science | 19 | Science   | 20 |
| Reading | 17 | Reading   | 23 |
|         |    | Composite | 24 |

WSCC, for example, does not “Superscore,” however, you may “mix and match” your scores and take your highest subtest score from any of your ACT tests.

\*For WSCC, need a 18 in English and 19 in Math

# *ACT Preparation*

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- Use the study guide from the ACT website.
  - The websites are also useful for test preparation.
    - ACT Online Prep is available for FREE to all GHS students. ALL students should have an account now!
- <http://sat.collegeboard.org/home>
- Study and Practice. Practice and Study.

## *Letter of Recommendation*

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- Some colleges require a counselor or teacher letter of recommendation.
- Letters of Recommendation require 2 weeks notice to counselor.
- Student must provide a completed a Brag Sheet to the counselor.

## *NCAA Guidelines*

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- If you hope to play college sports, you must meet NCAA academic eligibility requirements.
- Visit [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) for more information and up-to-date guidelines.
- NCAA will need an official copy of your transcript. To send a copy of your transcript to NCAA, see Mrs. Rachel Harris.

## *Financial Aid*

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- Now is the time to talk to your parents about financing your college education.
  - GHS will host a Financial Aid Night in Fall 2022.
    - Typically in late October or early November
- Most colleges require the FAFSA. This is a **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid.
- Apply online for the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.edu.gov](http://www.fafsa.edu.gov).
- Apply online for the FAFSA in the fall of your senior year.



## *Career & Work Force Students*

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### Military Options

Take the ASVAB Test April 2, 2020

- Army
- Marine Corps
- Navy (includes the Merchant Marine)
- Air Force
- Coast Guard

Recruiters come to GHS. Check with Guidance or the local recruiting office.

## *Info About The Work Force*

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- Technical Schools? Trade Skills?  
Tennessee College of Applied Technology  
<https://tcatmorristown.edu/>
- Internship or Apprenticeships
- Job skills from high school courses include:  
Electricity /Welding / Automotive/ Cosmetology
- Entry-level job position

*A Message  
regarding Senior  
Pictures*

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- Dr. Monday asks that I share this information with you:
  - During summer you will receive notification from the school photographer concerning Senior Pictures.
  - If you do not have your photo made by the school photographer you will not be included in the year book.
  - If you do not wish to purchase senior pictures, you can come in and just have your picture made for the yearbook.

# *GHS Guidance* – *Stay Informed*

To receive messages via text please sign up for Remind.

## Sign up for important updates from R. Harris.

Get information for Grainger High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

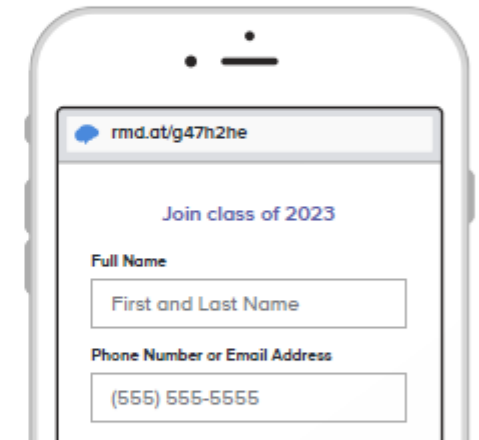
Pick a way to receive messages for class of 2023:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/g47h2he](https://rmd.at/g47h2he)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message [@g47h2he](https://t.me/g47h2he) to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting [@g47h2he](https://t.me/g47h2he) to (856) 302-0307.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



If you have additional questions about graduation, testing, or college planning,

**SIGN UP TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR**

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*Sign up....*

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