

CAMEL CONNECTION

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Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Students –

In this “Camel Connection”, the Guidance Department hopes to pass along some general information pertaining to your schooling here at Campbell County and even towards planning for life past CCHS. Look over this material and feel free to speak with your guidance counselor if you need further information.

Thanks –

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ACT & SAT DATES

To be admitted to college, almost all schools require either an ACT or SAT score. We recommend that you take the ACT or SAT a couple of times so that the best score possible can be achieved. As a junior, you will take the ACT here at school in March. Please take this testing seriously as these ACT scores will be part of your transcript and viewed by colleges. We also recommend taking the April or June ACT. By doing this, you allow yourself more opportunities to retake the tests at the beginning of your senior year if you wish. ACT and SAT registration

packets can be picked up in the office. We also have study materials available if you would like to use these to prepare. When filling out the registration, remember that the school code for Campbell County High School is 180-010.

ACT

Test Date Registration Deadline

Dec. 13, 2008	Nov. 7, 2008
Feb. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2009
Apr. 4, 2009	Feb. 27, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009

SAT

Test Date Registration Deadline

Dec. 6, 2008	Nov. 5, 2008
Jan. 24, 2009	Dec. 26, 2008
Mar. 14, 2009	Feb. 10, 2009
May 2, 2009	Mar. 31, 2009
June 6, 2009	May 15, 2009

Finally, at an extra cost, ACT is offering a writing sample as part of the test. At this point, the majority of colleges are not requiring this writing sample to be completed. But, we do suggest you take the writing section at least once. Be sure to check with the schools to which you are applying to see if they require the writing portion of the ACT for admission.

College Planning

One can never start thinking about his or her future too early, but the key is to not place too much pressure on

yourself, either. Here are some general tips we recommend.

- Starting with your first day of high school, keep your grades strong. Do all assignments and study hard for tests.
- Work well with and be respectful of your teachers. Fostering a good relationship with them will allow them to offer you guidance in the areas of colleges and majors. Also, the more you allow your teachers to get to know you, the stronger the recommendations they can write for you down the line.
- As a Junior, begin to investigate which colleges you may be interested in attending. You may want to visit some of these schools over your summer break.
- If you hold a job, begin to set aside some of the money you earn to go towards your college expenses.
- Finally, be sure to let your parents or guardians know what plans you are considering for after you graduate. They have a lot of say in this decision, so you want to put them on board early on in your planning process.

CAREER PLANNING

As senior counselors, the Guidance Department can also work with you to investigate different career opportunities in a field in which you are interested. We can sit down with you and investigate what kind of training is necessary for different professions. If we're not sure of the answers to your career answers, we can try to help you get in touch with someone in the field who does know the answer.

Also, keep in mind that if you are interested in a certain career, a good way to learn more about it is to see if there are any summer positions open in the field. Hands-on experience can be the best way to know if you are going to enjoy a job for while to come.

FINANCIAL AID SESSION

On Wednesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM, a representative from Thomas More will be here to offer advice of moving through the college financial aid process. While this meeting particularly geared for senior students and their parents, the program is open to all parents and students and is free. You do not have to be applying to Thomas More to attend this session.

MAP Testing

This year, Campbell County Schools have implemented a new tool in testing called the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test. This test, which students take three times a year, covers the areas of Math, Reading, Language Usage, and Science. Further information and test results will be forthcoming. These tests help students and teachers determine a student's knowledge in these areas and also allow us to see how this knowledge is improving throughout the school year. The second round of MAP testing will run from December 1st to January 31st.

Making It Count

The "Making it Count" program is designed to encourage students to begin thinking and making plans beyond their Senior year. The idea, though, is that it is never too early to begin

thinking about different options after graduation. These community speakers also emphasize making positive choices particularly in the area of leadership.

Juniors and Seniors will hear this program at school assemblies in the second semester. “Making It Count” does offer a parent program. This program will be held here at the high school on December 17th at 6:00 PM. The topics for the night are “College Financial Planning” and “Paths to Leadership”. It is open to all parents and guardians of students in grades 9 – 12.

ILPs

The state of Kentucky requires that each high school student create and work with an Individual Learning Plan. This web-based student portfolio (www.careercruising.com) is used by students each year they are here at the high school. This tool helps students to plan for future educational and career plans. The website also allows students to explore different colleges and majors as well as access financial aid information.

It is important to keep in mind that Seniors must complete the ILPs their senior year in order to graduate. No senior can graduate without this component. Students will have time to work on these portfolios in school. The guidance department and classroom teachers will coordinate these times. More information will follow. If you want to look at your ILP, please see your guidance counselor for your log-in and password.