



# Newsletter

## Important School Dates

- November 13: Midterm Notices
- November 25-29: No School; Fall Break
- December 6: Semester 2 Schedule Changes Due
- December 9-13: Holiday Spirit Week
- December 12: PSAT/NMSQT score reports available via student's College Board account
- December 13: Terrier Fest
- December 18: Dismissal @ 12:25 pm; Final Exams [periods 4, 5, 6]
- December 19: Dismissal @ 12:25 pm; Final Exams [periods EB, 1, 2, 3]
- December 20: No School; Teacher Institute
- December 23-January 3: No School; Winter Break
- December/January: CCHS Honors Applications will become available. If you are interested in taking honors classes senior year; talk with your teachers.
- January 6: ½ Day, Dismiss @ 11:45 am; 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins
- January 21: Junior Parent Meeting & Distribution of *2021 College & Career Guide*
- January 24: Garwin Family Foundation Application Due
- January 27-31: Senior Year Forecasting (Course Selection Window)
- **April 14: Official Statewide SAT (junior students)**

## Upcoming College/Career Visits at CCHS

- November 20: Northern Illinois University
- December 2: Career Talk – Firefighter
- December 2: Career Talk – Police
- December 3: Wendy's Restaurants – Employment Q&A
- December 3: Q&A with Mrs. Murphy: Why is everyone talking about my transcript?
- December 5: SIH (Southern Illinois Healthcare)

## Recap: Q2 Visits with Mrs. Antrim

In my Q2 visit with students they were given time to explore and research post-secondary options: college, career, or military. Several of the websites and tools used are provided in the next section (see resources/links below).

*College-Bound Student Objective:* complete and save a SuperMatch search in Naviance and favorite two or more colleges/universities of interest. This list can be reviewed at any time under “Colleges I Am Thinking About”.

*Career-Bound Student Objective:* write a journal entry in Naviance titled *Career Plan* and list the career(s) you are most interested in; include: education needed, skills/training required; job outlook, & projected wages.

*Military-Bound Student Objective:* write a journal entry in Naviance titled *Military Plan* and list the branch(es) you are most interested in along with the career you plan to pursue; include: training gained, skills/attributes needed, & type of work environment.

*Terminology Learned & Information Shared During Class Kahoot:* # of colleges that exist, # of jobs, & # of military branches; what the most important indicators of college success are (GPA & test scores); different categories to consider when building your college list (safety, match, & reach schools); & the various types of colleges.

*Exit Ticket Statistics & Findings:*

- Are you on track to meet your GPA goal junior year: \*Encourage students to review goals! \*
  - 42% yes;
  - 48% I hope so but I need to check my grades & goals again;
  - 9% no.
- Have you started studying/preparing for the SAT? \* Start studying! \*
  - 39% yes;
  - 61% no
- Have you set up your College Board account? \* Create your account & save your login information before the school-day SAT! \*
  - 40% yes and I know my login information;
  - 12% yes but I forgot my login information;
  - 48% no
- Do you check your email?
  - 36% yes every once & awhile;
  - 52% yes at least once per week;
  - 12% no
- Do you check your grades?
  - 36% yes every once & awhile;
  - 60% yes at least once per week;
  - 4% no
- Do you utilize ARP to get help from teachers? \*Encourage students to get help in the mornings!
  - 37% yes but not very often;
  - 18% yes often, at least once per week;
  - 45% no
- Have you gone to Terrier Tutoring 5 or more times this year? \*Encourage students to seek assistance after school!
  - 16% yes;
  - 84% no
- Have you signed up for a College Visit in Naviance? \*Encourage students to sign up for upcoming visitors via Naviance. Visitor information shared via email; Remind; Facebook; and Newsletters.
  - 29% yes;
  - 71% no

## Resources: “Life After High School”

Class of 2021 Goal: for every student to have **THREE** or more colleges he/she plans to apply or post-secondary plans prepared by the END OF JUNIOR YEAR.

Below are resources for every plan and for every student & family. Everything underlined is a link to a resource or website:

Article: [Helping your teen decide what to do after high school.](#)

While planning for the future, it can become overwhelming and time consuming. Use these websites to help manage that time:

[7 Time Management Tips](#)

[7 More Time Management Tips](#)

### College

- Top 10 College Search Websites, look [here](#).
- Junior College Night information, found [here](#).
- Handouts for families about the college-going process, click [here](#).
- Naviance SuperMatch and [Roadtrip Nation](#)
- [College Board BigFuture](#) and [Explore Majors & Careers](#)

### Career

- Illinois State Board of Education Career Guide, found [here](#).
- For more on Career Technical Education, look [here](#).
- Want to find Apprenticeship Opportunities, [check this out](#).
- U.S. Department of Labor occupational finder, click [here](#).
- 10+ articles to assist and prepare your student for the workforce, found [here](#).

Places currently hiring: JCPenny, Kohl’s, TJ Maxx, Sonic, Wendy’s, Finish Line.

### Military

- [ASVAB test](#).
- [Careers In The Military](#)
- [U.S. Dept of Defense](#)

## Upcoming SAT Prep Informational Sessions

Over the course of the next three Tuesdays/SSR days I will be holding a SAT Prep: Informational Meeting for junior students. The goal of the session is to share information about prep opportunities offered at CCHS as well as online programming & resources.

Students will be released by announcement to the Auditorium, and according to day / alpha order. Below is the session schedule:

SSR 11/19: juniors last names C-H

SSR 12/03: juniors last names I-P

SSR 12/10: juniors last names R-Z

\*juniors last names A-B have already received this information

\*SAT Prep Handouts, click [here](#).

\*SAT Prep Resources, click [here](#).

## Ask your student about his or her GPA & SAT Goal!

Research suggests that the most frequently noted indicators associated with High School postsecondary success is attendance, GPA, and test scores.

### Class of 2021 GPA & SAT goals for junior year:

**GPA Goal: 3.078**

(Current cumulative class GPA is 2.985)

**SAT Goal: 1013**

(10<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT average was 942; 9<sup>th</sup> grade PSAT average was 897)

## Other ways to *stay in the loop* junior year...

1. **REMIND texts (for students):** Remind allows Mrs. Antrim to send text messages to students individually or in a group. If students are interested in signing up for Remind, follow the steps below.

Text this message “@cchs-21” to 81010

If you have trouble try texting the same message “@cchs-21” to (734) 720-1263

2. **WEBSITE:** Another great way to stay in the loop is to follow my webpage, visit:  
CCHS Website/Students & Parents/Class of 2021
3. **NEWSLETTERS:** sent to students & parents via email from both Mrs. Antrim and Ms. Murphy. Please be sure that the email you have on the *Parent Portal* is up-to-date and accurate in order to receive these updates.
4. **CLASS of 2021 FACEBOOK (for students):** Check out and join the CCHS Class of 2021 Facebook page for news, events, pictures, and updates.