



# College Corner

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

- 10/01** ACT Retake for Seniors
- 10/01** FAFSA Application opens
- 10/04** TNPromise Meeting #1 9:30 am in the Auditorium
- 10/7—10/11** Fall Break
- 10/18** No School for students
- 11/01** TN Promise Deadline. Sign Up at [www.TNPromise.gov](http://www.TNPromise.gov)
- 11/8** No School
- 11/11** Veterans Day- no school
- 11/12 & 11/14** Parent Teacher Conferences 2:15-6:00

**WHAT IS THE PLAN?**

When it comes to preparing for college and careers, we are all starting at different points, but by following the plan below, you will be on pace to apply for schools and scholarships.

**Seniors**

- Narrow down your **College List**. You should have a list of schools you are interested in attending and that offer the programs you are interested in taking, now it is time to shorten the list. Your list should be no more than 5 schools, with at least 1 safety school. Visit and take tours, make contacts via email and phone, and talk to alumni from the school to assist in this process.
- **October 1st the FAFSA application opens.** We will be pulling students in the computer lab. School Counselors and Ms. Jordan are in Room 106 during One Lunch for College Club, so you can work on all things related to post secondary education.
- **Apply, apply, apply! It is never too early to start applying for schools or scholarships.** You may be waiting on some test scores or waiting for a letter of recommendation, but you can still get started. Most applications are online and can be saved to come back to at a later time. You will want to print out your essays and go over them with a teacher or friend to assist in your writing. Most major colleges have the deadline of or before December 1st in order to qualify for scholarships
- Begin collection of your **Letters of Recommendation**. You want to ask people that know you and will give a shining recommendation. A brag sheet or discussion with your reference person on what you want said can be advantageous for both you and the reference person. We recommend having 5 letters of recommendation with at least 2 being from outside of school.
- Taking the **ACT** is now a **Graduation requirement!** Seniors will have the opportunity to take or re-take the ACT on Oct. 1 at Hunters Lane. You must be at school at 7:05 that day. Data shows that a person with a score of 27 or below has a 75% or higher chance of maintaining or improving his or her ACT score by re-taking the test. Room 106 is open daily during one lunch for sign-ups. ([www.actstudent.org/faq/more.html](http://www.actstudent.org/faq/more.html))

**Juniors**

- Stay on track with your Grades.
- Sign up and take the PSAT.
- Make a College List.
- Visit with the colleges and gain information at college fairs.
- Begin studying for the ACT in the Spring. You will be taking a practice test on Oct. 1st.

**Sophomores**

- Plan on taking the PSAT to see if you might qualify for a scholarship.
- Stay on track with your grades.
- Explore colleges and possible careers.

**Freshmen**

- Get started right! Set the ground work to a great GPA.
- Start to explore careers.
- Get involved. Join clubs & organizations to gain some additional experiences.

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## THE WARRIOR VISION

THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS OF HUNTERS LANE HIGH SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT WHERE GROWTH AND RESPONSIBILITY ARE VALUED, AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS A DAILY PURSUIT.

## FYI COLLEGE 101

- Don't feel forced to declare a major immediately. However, make sure you try to do so by the end of your freshmen year.
- You don't have to choose between college or having a life. As you learn to balance school and life, you'll see that you can study hard and play hard and still have fun
- Take advantage of all the resources offered by your college, such as a free health clinic or a career center and alumni network.

## THE HUB

The Hub is a new partnership between Hunters Lane and the Martha O'Bryan Center! The Hub is an academic student union, modeled after a college student union, providing academic, social and emotional, work and career, and college prep supports. Starting September 26, The Hub will provide after-school programming from 2:05 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday. During programming, students can receive homework help and tutoring, explore their interests and dreams for college and career, and participate in enrichment activities such as spoken word, music recording, cooking club, dance club, and more! An MNPS bus will provide transportation home at 5:30 for students who live in the Hunters Lane cluster. Students who would like to participate must have a permission packet signed by a parent or guardian and bring it back to The Hub staff (room 214). Permission packets are available for pickup in The Hub or in each principal/academy office. For more information on after-school programming, please e-mail Raymond Tate, Program Coordinator – [rtate@marthaobryan.org](mailto:rtate@marthaobryan.org). For more information on college prep for 12<sup>th</sup> graders, please e-mail Laura Herrell, Lead Transition Coach – [lherrell@marthaobryan.org](mailto:lherrell@marthaobryan.org).

## TESTS

- **ACT- Fall Dates Only**

Test Date	Sign up Deadline
December 14	November 8
February 8	January 10
- **SAT-Fall Dates only**

Test Date	Sign up Deadline
November 2	October 3
December 7	November 8

## HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Sites that are useful when planning for your college career:

[www.CollegeforTN.org](http://www.CollegeforTN.org)

[www.Fasfa.ed.gov](http://www.Fasfa.ed.gov)

[www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)

[www.TNPromise.gov](http://www.TNPromise.gov)

[www.Fastweb.com](http://www.Fastweb.com)

[www.NashvilleScholarships.com](http://www.NashvilleScholarships.com)

[www.TNTransferPathway.org](http://www.TNTransferPathway.org)

[www.CollegeData.com](http://www.CollegeData.com)

[www.BigFuture.CollegeBoard.com](http://www.BigFuture.CollegeBoard.com)

[www.Finanaid.com](http://www.Finanaid.com)

[www.eCampusTours.com](http://www.eCampusTours.com)

[www.WiredScholarships.com](http://www.WiredScholarships.com)

[NCAA-www.EligibilityCenter.org](http://NCAA-www.EligibilityCenter.org)

YOUTUBE: The College Lady

[www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.com](http://www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.com)

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