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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.

<u>Seniors</u>

- Narrow down your <u>College List</u>. 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". A school that you know you can get in to. Visit (if possible) and take virtual tours, make contact via email and phone, and talk to alumni from the school to assist in this process.
- Start on your **<u>Applications</u>**. 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, Ms. Jordan, or someone from the Hub 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 on what you want said can be advantageous for both you and the reference. We recommend having 5 letters of recommendation with at least 2 being from outside of school.
- Stay on track with your <u>Grades</u> & <u>Visit with your Counselor</u>. Your counselor will be available during their virtual office hours to discuss if you are on track to graduate. It is not too late to do some credit recovery. Discuss your aspirations, interests, and insure that you are ready to go to college or a career.
- Taking the **ACT** is a **Graduation requirement**! Seniors will possibly have the opportunity to take the ACT this fall at Hunters Lane if conditions allow. 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 (www.actstudent.org/faq/more.html)

<u>Juniors</u>

- Stay on track with your Grades.
- Make a College List.
- Do a virtual tour with different colleges and gain information at virtual college fairs.
- Begin studying for the ACT in the Spring.

Sophomores

- Stay on track with your grades.
- Explore colleges and possible careers.
- Enroll in extra curricular activities. This will assist your college applications in the future.

<u>Freshmen</u>

- 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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Academy of Design & Technology Joseph Levickis Office Hours: Tuesday 10-11, Thursday 10-11 Academy of Hospitality, Marketing and Business Pamela Williams Office Hours: Tuesday 10-11, Thursday 10-11

Academy of Health & Human Services & International Baccalaureate

Sharika Starks Office Hours: Monday10-11, Thursday 10-11 **Freshman Academy** Alejandra Morales Office Hours: Tuesday 11-12, Thursday 11-12

College Counselor: Lisa Jordan

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.

THE HUB

The Hub is a 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 8, The Hub will offer after-school programming for Hunters Lane students both virtually and in person. Both types will include tutoring, homework help, and enrichment clubs. Parents must complete the parent permission form at <u>bit.ly/hubform2021</u>, and students must complete the student enrollment form at <u>bit.ly/hubenroll21</u>.

Virtual programming will take place through Microsoft Teams every afternoon Monday through Friday from 2 pm to 5 pm. Clubs will include anime club, spoken word, movie club, college prep, and more.

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR COLLEGE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FYI COLLEGE 101

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10-12

- Most Colleges have a general scholarship form and also a deadline.
- Some Colleges and Universities will require a student to write an essay.
- Most Colleges and Universities will communicate through email. So check your email frequently.

TESTS

ACT– Fall Dates Only Test Date

September 12, 13, 19

October 10, 17, 24, 25

• SAT-Fall Dates only Sign up Deadline

Test Date

October 3	September 4
November 7	October 7
December 5	November 5

Sites that are useful when planning for your college career:

www.CollegeforTN.org www.TNPromise.gov www.TNTransferPathway.org www.Finanaid.com NCAA-www.EligibilityCenter.org www.Fasfa.ed.gov www.Fastweb.com www.CollegeData.com www.eCampusTours.com YOUTUBE: The College Lady www.Petersons.com www.NashvilleScholarships.com www.BigFuture.CollegeBoard.com www.WiredScholarships.com www.WeeklyScholarshipAlert.com

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