**Senior Checklist**

**All Seniors:**

\_\_\_\_\_Make your senior year count by developing good study habits, making good grades, adding to your resume, and planning for your future.

**\*\_\_\_\_\_**Pay close attention to the weekly CHS announcements for important senior information. Announcements are posted on the CHS website, and in Schoology.

\_\_\_\_\_Check the online Counseling website often for important information on scholarships, college visits, testing, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ As required by law, all males must register with the Selective Service within one month of their 18th birthday. Male students who fail to register will not be eligible for HOPE or any other type of state or federal financial aid. Register at [**www.sss.gov**](http://www.sss.gov).

**If you are going to a 2-year, 4-year, or technical college:**

\_\_\_\_\_Discuss your college plans with your parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are in doubt about high school graduation requirements, the college application process, or etc., schedule an appointment with the counselor.

\*\_\_\_\_\_Seniors should already have an account at gafutures.org. Please access your account and familiarize yourself with the website. If you have forgotten your username or password, click on “forgot username” or “forgot password” to have it emailed to you. DO **NOT** CREATE ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

\_\_\_\_\_ Create a resume of your activities. We have also provided a blank copy of a “brag sheet” to help you list your accomplishments.

­\_\_\_\_\_ Research prospective schools and careers. Gafutures.org is a good place to start.

 Check admission requirements to determine your eligibility for each college of interest.

\_\_\_\_\_Talk with college representatives as they visit CHS.

\_\_\_\_\_ Take or retake the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer in the fall, and have your scores sent electronically to colleges to which you plan to apply. Cartersville High School’s code is 110615. Scores can be sent to 4-5 college for FREE if designated when students first register for the test date. ***These tests are* *not always required for the 2-year colleges or the Technical colleges. Check with the admission office at the school to determine if it is necessary.***

\_\_\_\_\_ Apply online to the colleges that you have determined to be good matches for you. (For GA Public Colleges and Universities use gafutures.org). Make sure that you follow directions completely. After you have completed the electronic application you will need to send on official transcript.

\*\_\_\_\_ TRANSCRIPT REQUEST PROCESS:

 All transcripts will now be requested through the following link:

**https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=RJJun7TDCESognLh4PPu3o3VpCO99YFHvJN1BDTCk7lUMVpFV0UxNDREQjdJTjUyUUVPUEIzNDFNWi4u**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please allow two days for the counseling office to process transcript requests, and another 3-5

 days for the US Postal Service to deliver the mail.

\_\_\_\_\_If your application requires a recommendation form or a letter of recommendation, request it **at least two weeks** before the deadline. Give a copy of your resume to the person who will do the recommendation. Make sure that you follow instructions on how to obtain a letter of recommendation. Each college has different requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Schedule a visitation day with the college admission and financial aid office. Fall break in October is a great time to do this. Seniors are permitted to take one college day per semester. You must receive permission from Mrs. Carp in the Attendance Office PRIOR to taking a college day.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are an athlete, and want to participate in college athletics, you must apply to the NAIA, NCAA, or NJCAA Clearinghouse. Go to **play.mynaia.org**, [**www.eligiblitycenter.org**](http://www.eligiblitycenter.org), or **njcaa.org**. Print out release forms, and bring them to Dr. Pinkard in the counseling office.

\_\_\_\_\_You can apply for FAFSA OCTOBER 1st at [**www.fafsa.ed.gov**](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) ☺ Start the process as soon

 as possible with your previous year’s taxes. CHS will have our very own virtual, Financial Aid

 Night to deliver information on federal financial aid on Tuesday, September 30, 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHS will have a FAFSA completion day on October 15, 2021 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Sign up

 information will be posted in the C/O 2022 Schoology group, as well as CHS’ weekly newsletter.

 Families can also schedule FAFSA completion assistance with Ben Meadows (Georgia Student

 Finance Commission Representative) using the link

**[https://www.gafutures.org/about-](https://www.gafutures.org/about-%20%20%20%20%20us/outreach/meet-your-gsfc-)**

**[us/outreach/meet-your-gsfc-](https://www.gafutures.org/about-%20%20%20%20%20us/outreach/meet-your-gsfc-)outreach-representative/ben-meadows/**

 \_\_\_\_\_Check the Counseling page of the CHS website regularly, and read the scholarship newsletter.

 Apply for scholarships that you are eligible for.

\_\_\_\_\_ Apply for scholarships through the Etowah Foundation. Applications will be on [***www.etowah.org***](http://www.etowah.org)after January 1st.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not put off the paperwork that goes along with applying for college. **Pay** **careful attention to deadlines.** It is recommended that you send applications before Thanksgiving. Keep all of your information in one folder. Make a list of everything you need to do, and cross off each item as you accomplish it. This will help keep you organized.

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue working hard in your classes through the last day of your Senior year. You must graduate high school to attend college, and your college will want to see that you have finished strong.

**If you are going into the military:**

\_\_\_\_\_Discuss your plans with your parents

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are in doubt about graduation requirements or anything else, schedule an appointment with your counselor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Shop around and talk with the recruiter from each military branch.

\_\_\_\_\_ Once you decide which military service is best for you, stay in close contact with your recruiter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure all forms are filled out on time.

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue working hard in your classes through the last day of your Senior year. You must graduate from high school to enlist in the military.

**If you are going to work:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Discuss your plans with your parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are in doubt about graduation requirements etc., schedule an appointment with your counselor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Research career options and prepare a resume.

\_\_\_\_\_ Begin applying to various companies in January. Ask one of your teachers to write a letter of recommendation for you. Make copies of the letter and attach a copy to each application.

\_\_\_\_\_ Continue working hard in your classes through the last day of your Senior year. Your high school diploma will give you leverage over those who have not completed high school.

**Useful websites:**

**Class of 2022 Senior Parent Meeting Video Presentation**

View it here:[**https://www.cartersvilleschools.org/Page/4884**](https://www.cartersvilleschools.org/Page/4884)

**College info**: **Financial aid: SAT:** www.sat.org/ready

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) **ACT:** www.act.org

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) [www.etowah.org](http://www.etowah.org)

**Work info:**

[www.cartersvillechamber.com/jobs](http://www.cartersvillechamber.com/jobs)

<https://dol.georgia.gov/find-job>

<https://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip>

\*Students also have access to YouScience career assessments through PowerSchool

**For more information on any of these items, please see your school counselor!**

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