



COUGAR CAREER CENTER



Upcoming Events

Remember, now you can sign up for events online through the Career Center's [webpage](#) (in the Communications, Visitors & Special Events tab) or in the Career Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Both Lunches

Commons

Gene Juarez Academy

- The representative from Gene Juarez Academy will be in the Commons during both lunches providing more information about the academy. Those that are serious about attending the academy will be invited to sign-up to attend the one on one session in the Career Center during 5th period. During this session, the representative will discuss financial aid, scholarships, job shadowing, and career planning. If you are interested in a career in cosmetology please take this opportunity to stop by their table during lunch to more about one of the best beauty schools in Washington.

Got a question about the FAFSA?

Don't stress out! Just visit <https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm> for helpful FAQs. Still can't find the answer you're looking for? Then chat live with an agent through the website or call them at 1-800-4FED-AID.



Career Cruising

Winter Break will be a great time to catch up on your career cruising assignments. Seniors, as a reminder, you need to be at 93% by the end of January.

Career Cruising
www.careercruising.com

Your student username is now:

chs-your last name 1st letter of first name graduation year

example: Hannah Jones—chs-jonesh17

Your password is still your student id#. (Some may have ZERO as first #.)

If you are having trouble logging in, please stop by the Career Center for help.

College Selection & Search Tools

Did you know?

- Most college students change their major an average of 5 times between their senior year in high school and senior year in college?
- The “selectivity” of a college has no correlation to the quality of an education
- Never eliminate a potential school based on price! Most higher priced private colleges have a substantial amount of financial aid to award. Search for the amount in their “endowment” fund. For example, Harvard University has the highest endowment of any college in the US - 30 BILLION dollars! That’s A LOT of money!
- Check out this list of the schools with the largest endowments – check it out!
<http://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/the-short-list-college/articles/2016-10-04/10-universities-with-the-biggest-endowments>

How many colleges should you apply to?

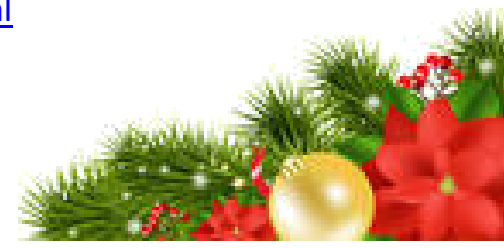
- Try to keep your total number of applications to no more than 9 – (3 “safe schools” 3 “reach schools” and 3 “just right” schools. If you need help with this – PLEASE see us in the Career Center.
- School Finder/Search Tool <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-education>

College Prep

- Juniors – Now is a great time to be researching your top colleges! Learn about financial aid, admission requirements, scholarships and deadlines! Also, attend college fairs, visit colleges during winter or spring break and make sure you are registered for any standardized tests you plan to take (SAT/ACT). College Bound Athletes need to register with the NCAA, *now!* If you need help please see Mrs. Beers in the Career Center.
- Seniors – Attend college fairs, begin writing your essays/personal statements, once essays are done and applications are complete, focus on those scholarships!

Upcoming SAT/ACT Dates:

- SAT – January 21, Mar 11, May 6, June 3
Sign up at: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test>
- ACT –February 11, April 8, June 10
Sign up at: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/register.html>



Scholarships

The [December scholarship list](#) is now available! You can access it online on the Career Center's [webpage](#). We also have printed copies in the Career Center.

Remember, a lot of scholarships aren't just for seniors. Check out these two scholarships.



- Unigo Top Ten List Scholarship
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship>
In 250 words or less, create a top-ten list of reasons you should get this scholarship.

Due 12/31/16

Amount = \$1,500

Minimum age = 13 years old

- I Have A Dream Scholarship
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>
Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: What do you dream about? Whether it's some bizarre dream you had last week, or your hopes for the future, share your dreams for a chance to win.

Due 01/31/16

Amount = \$1,500

Minimum age = 13 years old

Volunteer

Many volunteer opportunities are available in our community! Volunteering can help you win scholarships and gain valuable experience to put on job applications! Check out www.thurstontgether.org/volunteer for a list!

Volunteering Counts!

The most important hour of your week may be the one you give away.

