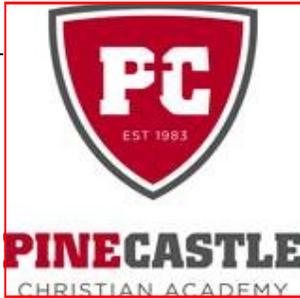


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One Family. One Purpose.

The mission of Pine Castle Christian Academy is to prepare the next generation, one student at a time, to impact the world for Christ.

SENIORS!!

In each issue of "Beyond the Eagle's Nest", you will find a College-Prep To Do List. Check on your progress. Stop by guidance if you need help with any of these things.

We are here to help!

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October

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PSAT—8AM

ALL students in 9th—11th grade will take the PSAT on OCTOBER 19 starting at 8:00AM. It will be held in rooms 137-138. There are only a few things you really need to bring on test day and a lot of things you'll be better off leaving at home.

You must bring two sharpened #2 pencils (not mechanical), an approved calculator, and your social security number. You will need to leave everything else in your locker or outside the testing room. (Cell phones or other devices with internet capabilities must be locked in your locker. They may not be brought into the room.)

You may use a graphing, scientific, or four-function calculator. It may not have internet capabilities (so no phones) and may not make any noise. It may not have a large display that can be seen by other students. You are not able to share calculators with someone else. Make sure to use a calculator that is familiar to you so you do not waste time figuring out how to use it.

FAFSA

It is time to do the FAFSA. All seniors need to complete the FAFSA in early October (opened October 1). It is the basis for all government scholarship and is used by most universities for determining their private scholarships.

Early applications get first priority, so this is **URGENT**.

To complete document, go to:
<https://fafsa.ed.gov>

Upcoming Events

October 6—Liberty University in Jr/Sr Bible Class

October 7—Liberty of Alabama Rep during lunch

October 13—Early dismissal

October 14-17 Fall Break

October 18—Navy Recruiter during lunch

October 19—PSAT 8-11:30AM (grades 9-11)

October 25—Deadline to register for Nov 5 SAT

October 31—USAF ROTC Recruiter during lunch

Johnson University

TENNESSEE • FLORIDA • ONLINE • EXTENDED

Preview Days

Juniors and seniors are invited to visit **Johnson University in Kissimmee** for **FREE**. Tour the campus, attend a class, meet with financial planners, get a free t-shirt.

November 11, 2016

February 17, 2017

March 15, 2017

Register at JohnsonU.edu/PreviewDayFL

APPLY FOR FREE THROUGH 12/1/2016 using WAIVER CODE: JU2016



THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Honoring Youth for Outstanding Volunteer Service

NASSP/Prudential Spirit of Community Award—\$1000 + all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. This award is given to students who distinguished themselves through community service. The deadline for the application is November 8, 2016. To apply, go to

<http://spirit.prudential.com>

or

www.nassp.org/spirit

If you apply, notify Dr. Aiyer so that she can verify your application prior to the deadline.

Graduation Plans—Dr. Aiyer will be working with each high school student during September and October to update graduation plans and set the course of study for the remainder of graduation. Parents are encouraged to come to their appointments with their high school student. **Requesting Transcripts**—PCCA uses the transcript request service, Parchment, for all transcript requests. Parchment also provides students with great college information. If you have misplaced your registration information, you can pick up the information in the Guidance Office. Get registered for this service to take advantage of all the benefits early on!

How to Write College Entrance Essays

Many universities require a written essay for application. This is your big “introduction and first impression to the university of your choice. It has to look great!

While you might have a standard “basic” essay from which to draw, you will need to adapt the essay to the requirements of each university. So, your first step is to carefully read what that university expects and make a checklist. After writing the essay, have a second set of eyes proof read it for grammar, formatting, and spelling errors. To make sure your essay is superior, read through the webpages listed at:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays>

These sites will help with formatting, wording, and content.

NACAC National College Fair

The NACAC invites all sophomores, juniors and seniors to the National College Fair on **Sunday, October 9th, from 1—4 p.m.** at the Orange County Convention Center. Admission is **free** but you must register at: www.nacacfairs.org/south

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THINGS TO DO:



OCTOBER

- Complete the online FAFSA for financial aid.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT.
- Continue working on your admissions essays.
- If you haven't already done so, attend college planning and /or financial aid information nights and college fairs.
- Visit your top school choices. If possible, make appointments with faculty, staff, and students.
- Complete applications for every scholarship for which you may be eligible.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to develop a college admission and financial aid application plan.
- Contact the schools' financial aid offices to determine which forms they require. Some schools may require special forms.