



# **Spring 2022 College Q&A**

## ***GCM College & Career Center***

**January 25 at 6PM**





# Agenda

- **College Readiness by Grade: Timeline & Resources**
- **Tips for Course Registration**
- **SAT / ACT updates and Information**
- **College Visits, Fairs, Info Sessions at GCM**
- **Myths about Admissions that Seniors Should Bust**
- **Financial Aid & Scholarships**
- **Questions ??**



# **GCM College & Career Center** ***Gardner Humphreys***

*Info for Students & Parents:*

## **SCHOOLGY “Marshall Student Services” Course**

- ✓ **College Research & App Help:** [gkhumphreys@fcps.edu](mailto:gkhumphreys@fcps.edu)
- ✓ **Financial Aid, Reducing Cost & Scholarships**
- ✓ **Jobs for Students**
- ✓ **Volunteering, Internships, Summer Programs**
- ✓ **Test Prep** - free online prep and guides, GCM Library website

**School Website:** **Google “GCM College Career”**

<https://marshallhs.fcps.edu/student-services/college-career-center>

**Naviance:** <https://www.fcps.edu/naviance>

**Schoology:** GCM Homepage



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## ➤ **College Readiness by Grade: Timeline & Resources**

- <https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html>

## ➤ **Tips for Course Registration**

- Balance challenge & interests, health
- Don't gear towards one college
- Most colleges want 2-3 foreign language credits but not all

## ➤ **SAT/ACT updates and Information**

- Most colleges test-optional Fall 2022. Fall 2023 + to be determined.
- SAT going online Spring 2024, ACT not announced but expect to be similar timeline
- Check your PSAT scores, College Board sent an email to student with login info



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## ➤ **College Visits, Fairs, Info Sessions at GCM**

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>
- <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/events>

## ➤ **Myths about Admissions that Seniors Should Bust**

- The best college is the one that denies the most people
- There are “good schools”, “bad schools” and “party schools”
- Everyone should apply Early Action/Decision and it always helps
- Test scores are always important and usually as important as grades

## ➤ **Financial Aid & Scholarships**

- Naviance, Net Price Calculators on the college's official website  
<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>, <https://finaid.org/>



# COLLEGE & CAREER EVENTS

(\*Dates are for 2021-22)

- ✓ **Financial Aid for College Night** (all grades, online) – October 19 at 6PM
- ✓ **PSAT & Senior SAT** – Oct. 13, in school. PSAT for 10-11 only, no charge, no registration needed. SAT for seniors only, free, must submit intent form.
- ✓ **Senior College Essay Help** – Mondays 3-4PM, Sept. 13+ or online by appt.
- ✓ **SAT/ACT/PSAT Info Night** – Dec. 15 at 6PM, online
- ✓ **Rising 10-12th College Q&A** – January 25, 2022, online, before course registration
- ✓ **Junior Focus Day** – April 14, 2022, in school, for students only
- ✓ **ASVAB Military Vocational Assessment** – TBD Nov. & Spring, grades 10-12





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### **SOME FAVORITE SITES**

#### ***College Research and Advice***

- ✓ <https://collegesearch.collegeboard.org/home>
- ✓ <https://www.nacacnet.org/> (Knowledge Center)
- ✓ <http://uvaapplication.blogspot.com/>

#### ***Financial Aid & Scholarships***

- ✓ <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
- ✓ <https://finaid.org/>

#### ***Career Exploring (also in Naviance)***

- ✓ <https://www.careeronestop.org/>
- ✓ <https://mypathway.tech/assessment/>



# Q & A