



Here you will find weekly updates from your school counselors. Please let us know if you have any questions. Don't forget that you can sign up for an appointment with your counselor through our form [here](#)! Please check your school email regularly as that is how counselors will be communicating with you to schedule meetings and relay information. All new or updated information below will be highlighted in yellow.

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[Meet your counselors!](#)

The Godwin School Counseling College Guidebook is a resource for all your college application questions starting as early as 9th grade. Click [here](#) to check it out! If you want to find out information from college admissions officers about specific schools, be sure to check out our senior folder in our [Schoology](#) page.

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Spring Evening School of Excellence

Applications for ESOE will open December 1 and due by January 29th. Applications will be accessible through the Parent Portal. Spring session will begin on February 8th. For more dates and information, please contact your school counselor.

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Reynolds Virtual Open House Wednesday, Nov. 18, 7-8pm

We are asking participants to [register](#).

There are topic options for 2 breakout sessions. Immediately following the formal event, we are offering a BONUS ROUND from 8-830pm where students can speak directly with an admissions/financial aid/advising representative.

See fliers and information here:

<http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/godwincounseling/2020/11/05/reynolds-virtual-open-house-wednesday-nov-18/>.

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GRASP Virtual Event (GReat Aspirations Scholarship Program)

Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 4:00 – 4:30 pm

[RSVP Here.](#)

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Henrico County Fire Dept Career Virtual Info Session

The Henrico County Fire Department is gearing up for their annual recruitment process which opens December 1, 2020. The application acceptance dates are December 1, 2020- January 6, 2021. Here is the link to the recruitment site (<https://henrico.us/fire/recruitment/>) which holds a video and a brochure, as well as explains the entire process. Feel free to reach out to Tracie Bethea directly for more information.

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Summer 2021 Residential Governor's School

Attention Juniors and Sophomores: The application process is beginning for the Summer 2021 Residential Governor's School programs. Summer Residential Governor's School is an opportunity for tenth and eleventh grade students to participate in an intensive summer program studying various academic disciplines and/or visual and performing arts. This is a highly selective program that requires a rigorous application process. Please contact Mr. Runner in School Counseling or visit the Summer Residential Website for more information.

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Longwood University Economics & Personal Finance

Longwood University is offering a Winter and Spring session for their dual-enrollment Econ Personal Finance course that satisfies the high school diploma requirement while earning college credit. The cost is reduced from \$415 to \$50! To register for either session go to <https://cfr.longwood.edu/epf>. See flier for important dates and information.

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ACE Centers will be hosting a virtual visitation for all interested 10th and 11th graders this year instead of the in-person field trips that have been held in the past. This event is from October 26th – 30th and each school is assigned a specific day for each center. Please see the attached document for all of the details. Please see the flyer [here for information](#) on Godwin's virtual visit date and registration link.

Application timeline:

Nov. 16 - Application posted to HCPS Specialty Center Website

Jan. 15 - Application window closes online

Mar. 5 - Students notified by 4pm of acceptance into programs

Mar. 19 - Students notify home school counselor if declining the acceptance

Mar. 20-26 - Waitlisted students are contacted for any openings at the ACE Center

After April 12th - Applications will re-open for anyone who would like to apply for any remaining open

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Building Leaders for Advancing Science and Technology (BLAST) is a FREE educational program of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium, designed to ignite a passion in students who already show an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Our hope is that the BLAST 3-day residential, on-campus experience, which is packed with demonstrations and collaborative activities led by college faculty, will inspire students to envision a career in a STEM field and motivate them to expand the number of STEM-related classes they take in higher grade levels.

Many students who attend BLAST go on to participate in our advanced educational programs, two of which offer free college credits through dual enrollment with Thomas Nelson Community College. Participating students in these competitive programs develop advanced skills related to the 5 C's of the Profile of a Virginia Graduate: critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship, in addition to building STEM-specific knowledge and skills. While participation in BLAST is not a prerequisite to attending any of our other educational programs, it is an ideal opportunity for younger students to determine if STEM is the right path for them.

Applications for the Summer 2021 BLAST sessions will open online November 13.

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Virtual College & Career Weeks:

VACRO and StriveScan Virtual College Fair

This eight-week program consists of hundreds of opportunities for students to learn about the college search process and about many different colleges through panel presentations and weekly Virtual College Fairs.

Students will gain a wealth of college knowledge, get exposure to a variety of colleges, and have the opportunity to ask questions of admission counselors, all in a safe, flexible, online environment.

All high school students, transfer students, parents, and counselors throughout Virginia are all welcome to attend. Participation is free.

Dates: September 14 – November 5, 2020

Link to register: bit.ly/2Dr1mlf

Students should register for each presentation they would like to attend. It is recommended that they participate live, so that they can ask questions and interact with admissions representatives, but sessions will be recorded.

VERTO Education National College Fair:

Here is the registration link for the National College Fair 10/28 through VERTO Education. There will be over 50 universities in attendance!

To learn more about VERTO go to <https://vertoeducation.org/>.

AP CollegeBoard Exams

Exam registration will begin via online registration at www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/471872 starting **September 28th @12am to November 6th @11:59pm** with an exam fee of \$99. Late registration on the Total Registration will take place from November 7th @12:01 to March 5th at 11:59pm for an additional cost of \$40. Registration will be closed to all students after March 5th. If you are on the fence about registering for an exam, I would go ahead and register before the November 6th deadline anyways so you do not have to pay the \$40 late fee, and there will be full refunds issued for students who register by November 6th. [AP 2021 Exam Dates](#)
For AP classroom support, watch the AP daily videos on the CollegeBoard website.

Reminder: after 12:01 AM on Saturday, Nov 7, 2020 students will be paying a late fee of \$ 40.00 per exam. Registration will close completely on March 5th, 2021.

SAT/ACT Tests

Check their websites for test dates and registration deadlines.

- [SAT](#)
- [ACT](#)

Many colleges have gone test optional for their fall 2020 applications, but it can still be a good idea to test in order to be eligible for certain scholarships. See our school counseling website for more SAT & ACT information: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/godwincounseling/>.

ECMC Virtual College Opportunities

FAFSA Drop in---Nov 6---5pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/99862049475>

Virtual college tours

-Radford University & University of Mary Washington---Nov 9---11 am---

<https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/96528635051>

-Radford University & University of Mary Washington---Nov 9---5pm---

<https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/92516166321>

-Liberty University & University of Lynchburg---Nov 11---1:30pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/91401266822>

-Liberty University & University of Lynchburg---Nov 11---5pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/93837060445>

College prep workshops

-Paying for College workshop---Nov 10---3pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/97569435065>

-Winning Scholarships workshop---Nov 10---4pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/95086457442>

-After FAFSA: What's Next---Nov 12---4pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/96560439976>

-College Prep Q&A---Nov 12---5pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/93988830837>

-FAFSA Drop in---Nov 12---6pm--- <https://ecmc.zoom.us/j/97486124533>

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Opportunities Booklet 20-21

Check out the newest College Opportunity Booklet here:

<https://www.ecmc.org/students/documents/2020-2021-VA-Opps-Book.pdf>. This has a wealth of information for students and families!

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Real Talk

Hey Godwin! This week's Real Talk theme is sending **JOKES!** Just send a message to a student or staff member, and you can choose from jokes to include if you want! This is a great way to support teachers and classmates during virtual learning! You can send an anonymous message on our website henricorealtalk.com. Be sure to check out our new card designs! Follow our Instagram @henricorealtalk so you don't miss out!

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Parchment/Transcripts:

All transcripts for grades 9-12 have been updated to include any summer school grades. To view your transcript, log in to your Parchment.com account. If you do not have a Parchment account set up, your parent would first need to sign the Parchment Parent Permission form within the

Parent Portal-->Access Online Forms. Once this is signed, you will then receive an email from our secretary with a personalized access code to enter at parchment.com/register. This will also come with specific directions when creating an account (using a personal email address for example). Once the account is created, I will process this initial transcript for your unofficial self view. You will be able to view, print, mail, and electronically send transcripts where they need to go.

****When you register, be sure you **use a personal email address** and NOT your hcps student email to register because your hcps email expires after you graduate and your Parchment account does not. If you already registered using your student email, please go into account settings and change this or contact Parchment support for help.

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Seniors--Scholarships!

Over the course of this school year, Godwin will advertise nearly 200 college scholarships. Over 30 scholarships are specific to Godwin and will be presented to members of the Godwin senior class at the senior honors assembly in June. Here's the list where all these scholarships will be posted (you can also find this list on the Godwin website under school counseling, and on the school counseling Schoology course):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XhkCo072xmTYbBYhVcKT9eiYY4Jji0RjSkAK0DtOeR0/edit?usp=sharing>

At times we will be looking for seniors to represent Godwin in scholarship competitions, and you'll find those opportunities on this list. The first of these is University of Virginia's Jefferson Scholars program. Jefferson Scholars receive four years of tuition, room/board and extensive perks at UVA and last year Godwin's Charles Ellison was a Jefferson Scholars recipient! If you would like to be considered as Godwin's nominee for this year's competition, please fill out the preliminary application by October 15th.

Please reach out to Mrs. Gravely in Godwin school counseling as you have scholarship questions.

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Senior Meetings:

Seniors, counselors have started meeting with all of their seniors to talk about their college & career plans for life after Godwin. Please keep an eye out for the sign up sheets and be sure that when you do sign up for a time slot, you are sure to attend your meeting via Microsoft Teams (they will share their virtual link with you).

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Need help filling out your FAFSA for college?

[Meet our GRASP Advisor!](#)

Schedule an appointment with our GRASP advisor, Mrs. Zukowsky. Mrs. Zukowsky is taking appointments virtually Wednesdays from 8:30-1:30. She can be reached at godwin@grasp4va.com or 804-223-0158. She is available by phone, text, email and also virtually meetings. Be sure to ask about her GRASP scholarship, too!

Explore the GRASP website and subscribe to their newsletter at <https://grasp4va.org/>.

Download the “myStudentAid” app and fill out the FAFSA form right on your phone...or make a virtual appointment with a GRASP Advisor.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2_7AS7Rcc0&t=9s

GRASP (www.grasp4va.org), a career and college access organization, is encouraging high school seniors to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as a first step toward their postsecondary education/training goals. The updated FAFSA for high school seniors is available beginning October 1.



Mindfulness Activities

Check out Mindfulness Activities for Teens: 21 Stress-Reducing Activities to Try
<https://www.themindfulword.org/2020/mindfulness-activities-for-teens>

School counselors are available to assist students and respond to emails daily during normal school hours. Please note that School-Based Mental Health Teams are not available to provide guidance, resources, or intervention services for mental health emergencies outside of school hours.

If you or your child are experiencing an **emergency or crisis**, please call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room for immediate assistance.

For additional **mental health services**, Henrico Area Mental Health may be accessed at the following numbers: 804-727-8515 (same day access) or 804-727-8484 (emergency).

To report **suspected child abuse or neglect**, please contact Child Protective Services at (804) 501-5437 (Mon.-Fri., 8-4 pm) or the VA Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline outside of business hours at 1-800-552-7096.

If you are experiencing or have experienced **domestic violence, sexual violence, or human trafficking**, please contact Safe Harbor's 24 hour helpline at (804) 612-6126.

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[Godwin's FAQs](#)

[Godwin School Counseling Site](#)

[College & Career Resources - GHS College Handbook](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)