

Junior Workshop



*Graduation is not as far
away as you think!*

Attendance Policy

- Students in grades 9-12 who have accumulated more than (5) unexcused absences will be required to go through the attendance appeal process
- **Every** absence will require an independent excuse

Differences in GPA

- The HOPE GPA is only calculated by using **Core Academics** plus **Foreign Language**
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Foreign Language
 - Electives **DO NOT** count
 - However, if you take a CTAE course that counts as a science credit that is **calculated into your HOPE GPA**
 - **Any extra points that are added by the school DE, Honors or AP are deducted**
- The High School GPA is calculated using all types of credits
 - Math, Science, Social Studies, English and Foreign Language
 - Electives **DO** count

Honor and Superior Honor Graduates

- **Honor Graduates**

- Students must earn a 90 or better core average
 - *Your core average is made up of grades from only your math, science, social studies and foreign language courses. Points added by the school for Honors, DE and AP **ARE** used in this GPA calculation.*
- **And Have no grade below a 70**

- **Superior Honor Graduates**

- Students must earn a 90 or better core average
- **Have no grade below a 70**
- And complete one academic pathway
 - **Academic Pathway Requirements**
 - Earn four credits in one academic subject area
 - One of those credits must be an AP course or a DE course
 - Earn two credits of Foreign Language

HOPE/Honors & AP Classes

- Honors, DE and AP Classes receive additional points towards your High School Core GPA
- Please remember that HOPE does NOT honor those points. However, for AP and DE courses GSFC will add a 0.5 to the grade...up to a 4.0
- Once these points are removed it **CAN** keep you from receiving HOPE
- If you have question please make an appointment with Mrs. Warren or Mrs. Allen

SAT & ACT Dates

**Must qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch to receive a fee waiver*

Registration Fee

SAT: \$47.50 No Writing

Late Registration Fee

SAT: \$29

For test dates and registration deadlines refer to collegeboard.org

Important Dates for Local Scholarships:

Test Date: Dec. 1st
Registration Deadline: Nov. 2nd
Late Registration: Nov. 13th

Registration Fee

ACT: \$50.50 No Writing

Late Registration Fee

ACT: \$30

For test dates and registration deadlines refer to act.org

Important Dates for Local Scholarships:

Test Date: Feb. 9th
Registration Deadline: Jan. 11th
Late Registration: Jan. 18th

SAT & ACT Test Prep Resources

- Khan Academy is another online test prep resource that is free for SAT.
- SAT and ACT Prep Materials are also available in the library.
- SAT/ACT Guided Study.
- USA Test Prep

College Applications Process

- Submit applications **ASAP**
 - All colleges have different deadlines
 - Request a unofficial transcript
 - May need a Letter of Recommendation
 - Must fill out a Senior Brag Sheet a week in advance prior to deadline
- Immunizations
 - Required form
 - May have to get shots
- Proof of Residence
 - Driver's license
 - Student ID
- Apply for housing
- **Send a final official high school transcript.**
 - After graduation
 - Must let registrar know where to send it.

FAFSA

- Free Application for Student Financial Aid can be submitted the 1st of October
- This is the application for HOPE and any other state or federal assistance
- 2017-2018 tax refunds
- Students and Parents need to create an FSA ID at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Dual Enrollment

- Dual Enrollment Night:
 - 9/11 5:30-6:30
 - 2/5 5:30-6:30

Local Scholarships

- **Requirements**

- Scholarship Application
 - Can be found on the website under Guidance and then forms
- College letter of Acceptance
- Two community letters of recommendation
- Two teacher letters of recommendation
- Transcript w/ SAT or ACT scores

- **Additional Requirements**

- Complete a FAFSA
- SAT/ACT scores must be on the transcript
- GPA of 2.5

The last SAT date for Local Scholarships is Dec. 1st

The last ACT date for Local Scholarships is Feb. 9th

Applications due to the CPC by February 28th

Graduation Letter of Intent

- Students who are at risk for not completing all required course by graduation will be identified at the beginning of 2nd semester.
- These students and parents will have to sign a Graduation Letter of Intent.
- You will receive these from your **advisement** teacher
- It states that:
 - All required credits must be earned before graduation
 - * If all requirements for graduation are not complete, you will **NOT** be allowed to walk in the graduation ceremony.

Service Hours

- Service Hours are not required for graduation
 - Turn into Mrs. Taylor before or after school
 - Forms are available in the CPC
 - Describe the type of service
 - Must have a representative from the organization to sign-off on the service hours.
 - To find out how many service hours you have email Mrs. Taylor: kelly.taylor@cook.k12.ga.us
- *Do **NOT** go during class

Non-Service Hours

- Anything you get paid for
- Going to the chorus concert
- Going to clinicals for school
- Anything you get a grade for
- Conferences
- Peer Leadership

***You must provide a service on a voluntary basis**

Herff Jones Dates

- **9/12** Senior Cap & Gown Presentation
- **9/18** Senior Orders in media center during lunch
- **10/18** Senior Orders in media center during lunches
- **11/9** Senior Orders in media center during lunches
- **12/3** Final Senior Orders in media center during lunches
- **3/14** Senior Delivery in media center during lunches
- **4/17** Cap & Gown Delivery in media center during lunches

Yearbook

- **Remember to purchases:**
 - Senior & Friendship Ads
 - Yearbooks

***Dues dates and Prices are TBA. Listen to the announcements for details!**

Important Dates

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- **DE Deadlines for Winter Quarter and Spring Semester:**
 - Deadline to sign-up: **Oct. 1st.**
 - All paperwork must be complete and submitted by **Nov. 16th**

Junior Remind

- To the number: **81010**
- Text the message:
@cook2020

Scholastic Jackets

Congratulations!

These students have maintained a 90 cumulative average through the first semester of their senior year.

Return Size Forms to the CPC by
Monday January 22nd.