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# Post Graduate Department Newsletter

Collier High School



## Post Graduate Department

Welcome to the Postgraduate Department at Collier High School, run by Nancy Del Papa, the Postgraduate Counselor, and Summer Vitale, the Postgraduate Assistant. We are here to help students explore and develop their postsecondary interests and plans for after graduation. Please feel free to submit a counselor request or drop by our office (located in Annex E next to Smith Hall) if you have any questions!

## Applying to College? Know Your Deadlines!

Many colleges have deadlines in late Winter or early Spring

Be aware of the following deadlines for your specific school and know which one you are applying for:

Early Action  
Regular Decision  
Rolling Admissions

## Important Dates

This month we will be offering students the chance to tour their local community colleges. Please see dates below and check with Ms. Del Papa for more information.

**November 3rd** -Middlesex County College Tour

**November 8th**- Ocean County College Tour

**November 9th**- Junior Pre-Act Info Group/ Registration

**November 12**- Virtual Tour of Mercer County College

**November 15th**- Tour of Culinary Education Center

**November 16th**- 2 Year College Group Starts

**December 1st**- Practice Placement Testing for 2-Year schools

## Reminders For Seniors:

**If you are applying to a 4 Year School** you should be in the process of completing the following:

- Finalizing a college list
- Requesting letters of recommendation
- Completing your essay

**Please see Ms. Del Papa for help reviewing your applications**

**If you are applying to a 2 Year School** the applications are now open!

**2 Year College Group starts Nov 16th!**

Applications submitted in December/January will allow for placement testing and early registration

**Practice Placement testing will be given at Collier-**  
**Please see Ms. Del Papa for information**

## FAFSA Is Now OPEN!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is currently open for students to apply!

**Apply here:**  
<https://studentaid.gov/>

**For additional information:**  
<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png>

## Should I take the ACT or SAT?

The purpose of both tests is to gain admission to a 4 year college or university

The SAT or ACT is not required for community college, but if your scores are high enough it may waive the need for placement testing!

### ACT

Subjects: English, Reading, Math, Science, Optional Essay  
Scoring: Scale of 1-36.

**Upcoming ACT Date:** Dec 11th- Register by Nov 5th

### SAT

Subjects: Reading, Writing & Language, Math  
Scoring: Scale of 400-1600

**Upcoming SAT Date:** Dec 4th- Register by Nov 4th.

## Additional Information for Parents and Students

### Financial Aid Information:

<https://studentaid.gov/>  
<https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/fafsa-process.png>

### NJ CAN- Career Interest Inventories and Assessments:

<https://portal.njcis.intocareers.org/>

### College and Career Research Tool:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

### Standardized Testing Info:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

### PSAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

### SAT Prep

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>

### Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services:

<https://www.nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/>

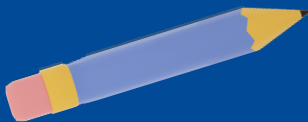
## Attention Juniors!

The Post Graduate Department will be offering a chance to take the Pre-ACT in the Spring!

On November 9th- Juniors will have a chance to register for the Pre-ACT, but if you can not attend:

**Please see Ms. Del Papa or Ms. Vitale to register**

The Post Graduate Department also has practice SAT and ACT tests so please stop by or make an appointment if you are interested!



## Freshman and Sophomore Information

It is never too early to get a head start on learning about post-graduate options

- Get to know the counselors in the post-graduate department
- Start joining clubs
- Take a Career Interest Inventory in the Post Graduate Department
  - This will help you begin to identify your interests and research possible careers
- Volunteer and participate in community service
- Start preparing for the PSAT or SAT/ ACT
- Use NJ CAN to explore career options

**Please see Ms. Vitale for more information**

