

PRHS Friday Newsletter: February 3, 2012

Counseling Department Information

- Parent appointments can be made by contacting your student's counselor.
- Students that wish to see their counselor can come in to the counseling office, fill out a pink form, and their counselor will send a pass to them as soon as possible.

Attention Seniors!

Transcript Request Process

- Two Options:
 1. Request a **hard copy** of transcript from Counseling Office.
 - Must have waiver form on file first (signed by parent)
 - \$5 per copy
 - 48 hour processing time
 - Student is responsible for mailing transcript to college
 - If you request a letter of recommendation from your counselor you must have a completed questionnaire form. Letters of Recommendation will be ready within two weeks of the request, so plan ahead!!!
 2. Request transcript be sent **electronically** from www.gacollege411.com for free
 - Must have a GA College 411 account
 - Log in and select "My Transcripts"

Scholarships:

1. Where Can I Find Scholarships?
 - The Counseling page of the PRHS website: www.peachtreeridge.org. Scholarship listings are updated weekly beginning after Labor Day.
 - Specific websites such as: www.fastweb.com, www.ecampustours.com, www.collegeboard.com, www.wiredscholar.com
2. **HOPE Scholarship:** Seniors, as well as underclassmen, can access their preliminary HOPE GPA at www.gacollege411.org. Locate the box titled "Shortcuts" in the upper right column and select "Your HOPE GPA"

***Student's social security number must be on file at PRHS in order to access preliminary HOPE calculation, as well as to receive the HOPE Scholarship**

For specific questions regarding the calculation process, please contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at 770-724-9000

For specific information on the changes to the HOPE Scholarship visit www.gacollege411.org or www.gsfc.org

- **ACT/SAT Tests:**
 - Juniors and Seniors, a score on one of these tests is required for admission to a 4-year college. Ideal timeline for taking these tests

is as follows: 1. Take both the SAT and ACT in the Spring of 11th grade (These tests are very different! Give yourself the opportunity to see each of them!). 2. Pick the one you did best on (hopefully it is the same one you preferred) and retake it in June between 11th and 12th grade. 3. Retake the test one more time in the Fall of 12th grade. This timeline ensures that college admission *testing* does not interfere with college *application* deadlines.

- Pick up registration and preparation material in the counseling office, or visit www.act.org and www.sat.collegeboard.com

- Upcoming Test Dates:

ACT	SAT
April 14	March 10
June 9	May 5

- Fee Waivers: If you receive free or reduced lunch you qualify for two waivers total (per test) while in high school (eligible during Junior & Senior years only). Stop by the counseling office to request one.

Upcoming Visits from College & Military Representatives:

- Friday, February 10: **Valdosta State University** at 1pm in the DEN
- Thursday, February 16: **Georgia Southwestern** from 10:30-12:30 in the Commons

**To attend a college visit in the DEN the student must obtain a pass from the counseling office at least one day prior to the visit*

Peer Leading Applications:

- Do you have a sophomore or junior who wants to make a difference at PRHS?
- Interested students should come by the Counseling Office to pick up an application to be a Peer Leader during the 2012-2013 school year.
- Completed applications are due back to the Counseling Office by February 10th.
- Questions? See Ms. Belknap

Attention Juniors and Seniors: Would you like extra help with your college search?

- Do you have questions about financial aid? Unsure about the types of schools you should be applying to?
- The College & Career Den will be available to students who need assistance with the college admissions process after school beginning Wed. Feb. 8, 2012 from 2:30-3:30.
- These help sessions are open to PRHS **students only**; parents are encouraged to schedule an appointment with their respective counselor for assistance or questions with this process.