

# **Postgraduate Department Calendar 2023-24**

## **September**

### **Postgraduate Introductory Groups**

All students will attend a post-graduate department introductory session, separated by grade level. These groups will provide students with an overview of the department and an introduction to post-secondary planning based on grade level. Students will complete a post-secondary planning survey and be given the opportunity to sign up for events, speakers, and groups held by the department throughout the year.

## **October**

### **Four-year College Group**

Seniors applying to 4-year colleges are invited to participate in a weekly group to explore the college application process and topics related to attending a 4-year college. Topics will include essay writing, completing the Common Application, applying for scholarships, dorm living, choosing a major, paying for college, time management, and other topics of choice.

### **Senior Parent/Student Conferences**

Parent/student postgraduate planning meetings will be available for parents of seniors interested in meeting individually with Ms. Del Papa. A sign-up genius will be sent to all senior parents.

### **Community College Information Session**

Ms. Donna Cuddy of Brookdale Community College will provide information on applying to a community college, the difference between a 2-year and 4-year school, and the transfer process from community college to a 4-year program.

### **Financial Aid Presentation for Seniors**

All seniors are invited to attend an informational workshop on financial aid options for postsecondary education. Mr. Kimber Decker from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will provide an overview of the financial aid process and answer questions about grants, scholarships, and loans offered by the State of New Jersey.

### **Parent Workshop- Financial Aid Workshop (Zoom 6:00 pm)**

Mr. Kimber Decker from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will present a parent workshop on financial aid and ways to pay for post-secondary education.

### **PSAT for Juniors**

PSAT testing for juniors will be administered by the Post-Graduate Department for those students currently registered for testing through the College Board.

### **Middlesex Community College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Middlesex County are invited to an on-campus tour of Middlesex County College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

## **November**

### **Ocean County College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Ocean County are invited to an on-campus tour of Ocean County College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

### **Brookdale Community College Campus Tour**

Seniors considering community college and residing in Monmouth County are invited to an on-campus tour of Brookdale Community College. The tour will include a walking tour of campus and presentations from the Admissions Department and Disability Services.

### **Two- year College Group**

Seniors applying to community colleges are invited to participate in a weekly group to discuss the process of applying to a community college and what to expect when transitioning from high school to college. Topics will include the application and placement requirements, financial aid, time management, support services, and other topics of interest to the students.

### **College Readiness Program- Brookdale Community College**

A representative from Brookdale Community College will speak about Brookdale's free, college readiness courses.

## **December**

### **Innovate Salon Academy Tour**

Students interested in pursuing a career in cosmetology will tour a cosmetology school and learn about the training/licensing process.

## January 2024

### **NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services- Jan 10**

A representative from the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) will meet with seniors to discuss post-secondary services including financial aid for college/vocational school, vocational training, career exploration and vocational counseling, and job placement services. Information on how to register for services will be provided.

### **Parent Workshop - NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Zoom 6:00pm)- Jan 11**

A representative from the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) will present to parents on post-secondary services available through the agency.

### **Apprenticeship Presentation- Jan 11**

A representative from the NJ Associated Builders and Contractors Apprenticeship Program (ABC) will present to students about the trade occupations, apprenticeship programs, and employment opportunities in the trades.

### **Parent Workshop- How to Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

#### **Zoom 6:00pm- Jan 24**

**6:00-7:30pm**

Mr. Kimber Decker from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will present a parent workshop with step-by step instructions on completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A Zoom link will be emailed to interested parents prior to the event. Please RSVP to Nancy Del Papa at [ndelpapa@collieryouthservices.org](mailto:ndelpapa@collieryouthservices.org).

### **Practice Accuplacer/ College Placement Test- Jan 30**

A practice Accuplacer (college placement test) will be administered to interested students. Students attending community college may be required to take a placement test prior to registration; the practice test will give students an opportunity to see what the test is like and to provide a basis for preparing for the test at the college.

## February

### **Parent/Student Workshop-Accessing Disability Services in College- (Zoom) 6:00 pm- Feb 7**

This workshop will review accommodations and supports available at the college level. The difference between college and high school supports will be discussed, as well as the process of applying for accommodations in college.

## March

### **College Prep Group for Juniors**

Juniors planning on applying to college are invited to attend a college planning group to explore the college application process and begin college planning. Topics will include how to begin a college search, what is needed to prepare for the college application, financial aid, essay writing, and more.

### **SAT Administration for Juniors- March 5**

School-Day SAT testing will be administered to interested juniors. Students must register for the SAT by the application deadline.

### **ACT Administration for Juniors- March 26**

School-Day ACT testing will be administered to interested juniors. Students must register for the ACT by the application deadline.

### **Brookdale Community College Placement Test Administration**

Students planning to attend Brookdale Community College will have the opportunity to take the required placement test at Collier. Students needing to take placement tests for other community colleges can see Ms. Del Papa for help with making arrangements.

### **Parent/Student Workshop- The College Planning Process (Zoom) 6:00 pm**

This workshop is geared towards juniors and sophomores who want to learn more about the college application process. The workshop will cover 2-year vs 4-year colleges, components of the college application and admissions process, and the types of financial aid available to pay for school.

### **Parent/ Junior Postsecondary Planning Conferences**

Individual appointments will be offered in March to parents/guardians interested in meeting with the Postgraduate Counselor and their student to discuss postsecondary goals and planning for senior year. A Sign-Up Genius link will be sent to register for conferences.

## April

### **Brookdale Community College Early Bird Registration**

Students attending Brookdale Community College after graduation will be brought to the college to meet with an advisor and register for classes.

**Note:** Registration dates for other community colleges will be scheduled as needed.

## May

### **Career Day**

All high schools students are invited to participate in the school-wide Career Day event. Career Day is an opportunity for students to hear from professionals in a variety of careers and industries, as well as meet with representatives from vocational schools, the Armed Forces, and postsecondary educational institutions.

### **“Life After Collier” Alumni Panel**

A panel of Collier alumni will share their experiences about their journey since graduation. All interested seniors are invited to attend.