

Middle School & High School Parents, Please join us Monday, March 23rd from 6:30-9:00 in the high school for Spring Guidance Night.

General Session: 6:30-6:50

Greetings

Back Door to Parenting

Instructions & Announcements

Scott Dillon

Dawn Poulterer

Heather Mills

Intermissions: 6:50-7:00 & 7:55-8:05

Seminar Sessions: 7:00-7:55 & 8:05-9:00

Speakers will be presenting their seminar topics during both seminar sessions unless denoted. Speakers will allow time at the end of each session for Q & A.

Scholarship Gold: How to apply, prepare and interview for college scholarships and win.

Room 201

Elizabeth Hartley—author of Scholarship Gold

As a scholarship coach, author, winner of multiple full scholarships and former scholarship judge, her mission is to ensure that students know how to identify their academic goals, get motivated to pursue them and to get as much scholarship funding in the process as possible.

The Admissions Matrix

Room 203

Charmin Lee—Director of Admissions Operations: Wingate University

It's not like it used to be! What universities and colleges are looking for in applicants, the differences between applying to big and small schools, tips on the application process and how it affects financial aid packages will all be discussed

Admission and Financial Aid—A Private School Perspective

Room 204

David Gelinas—Director of Financial Aid: Davidson College

This session will help families understand that a private college education IS affordable. Forms, processes, and awarding philosophies will be discussed, as will those factors considered by selective private colleges as they make admission and merit scholarship decisions. Participants are invited to come with questions related to either area.

The CDS High School Experience from a Student's Point of View

Room 209

A Panel of CDS Seniors-moderator, Scott Dillon: CDS High School Principal

Considering high school options for your child(ren)? Come listen to our panel of seniors from the Class of 2009. They will each share about their experience at CDS. Unscripted feedback about the good, bad and realistic high school experience will be given. You will have opportunity to ask the students questions.

How to Choose the Best College for your Student and your Pocketbook Room 213

Ryan Clark—President of Clark College Funding, Inc.

It is possible to attend a PRIVATE COLLEGE for a PUBLIC COLLEGE PRICE?! We will discuss how to maximize your student's potential to receive scholarships, grants and other forms of gift aid. We will discuss the opportunities and pitfalls that face families planning to finance college. The subject of student financial aid is covered profusely in the media, but little is discussed about how to pay off college debt assumed by the parents. The subject of using cash flow & cost containment strategies as an alternative to college debt will be discussed.

Surfing the Internet—Ways to Protect Your Student

Room 113

Rudy Barlow—I.T. Department & Computer Science teacher: CDS

This seminar is intended for parents of middle school & high school students. The topic of discussion will focus on the tools that are available to promote the safety of our students while they surf the internet.

Helping Your Student Manage School

Room 207

Nora Sherrill—Academic Resource Director: CDS

Glean tips, techniques and encouragement for helping your child who may struggle with LD, ADD &/or ADHD; organization & study skill strategies to help the student manage school will be covered. Discussion of the supports and services that the academic resource department makes available to students including Accommodation/Modification Plans & counsel in regard to who is eligible, when and how to apply for extended time on the SAT & ACT.

Student-Athletes & the NCAA Eligibility Center

Room 201

Liz Biggerstaff –NCAA compliance officer: Wingate University

This seminar will be critical in helping you understand the guidelines and procedures for student-athletes seeking to compete at the collegiate level. Emphasis will be given to the NCAA Eligibility Center regulations.

Are we finished yet? Educational choices beyond high school

Room 211

Dr. Märni Halvorson—Head of School: CDS

There are a plethora of college options available to college-bound students. What factors should be considered in the selection process? How do we prioritize criteria for decision-making? What are the benefits or shortcomings of Christian higher education?

****Understanding the SAT & the ACT (Session 1 only)***

Room 105

Brad Moore—Test Prep Teacher: Kaplan

All colleges & universities accept either or both tests as a college entrance exam. This seminar will discuss differences between the SAT & ACT. A few strategies for getting the most points will be given.

**Parents of students who took the free, practice SAT on Saturday, please pick up your child's scores and test analysis from Mr. Moore in room 105. Your child has his/her test booklet. Mr. Moore will give an explanation of the score analysis at the start of session 1*

****Transitioning from middle school to high school at CDS (Session 1 only)***

Room 101

Heather Mills & Dawn Poulterer—High School Guidance Department: CDS

We will be discussing some of the academic, social and emotional transitions that rising freshmen will be faced with coming into high school from middle school. We will address the course selection process, the support available to students and some of the things we know to be key issues for freshmen.

****Interpreting PSAT & PLAN ACT Score Reports (Session 2 only)***

Room 205

Heidi Wright—Test Prep Coach

What's a good score? How do I interpret these score reports? Parents of rising sophomores & juniors should bring their child's PSAT &/or PLAN ACT score reports with them in order to gain clarity on how to analyze the results. (Score reports and test booklets for each test were returned to your child this year). Heidi has worked with several CDS students.