

# News from the Student Services Department

## **SAT SCHOOL DAY - MARCH 1st**

All Juniors are scheduled to take the SAT exam on Wednesday, March 1st. Students should begin reporting to testing locations at 7:20 AM. Testing locations will be posted around the school and will be sent to students via Schoology. Students who arrive after the exam has started **will not be permitted** to enter the testing rooms, per College Board policy. This is why it is very important that students arrive on time.

**Students should bring a calculator and #2 pencils (not mechanical).**

Cell phones, ear buds, and smart watches will be turned off and stored away.

**AM CTC students will not report to CTC this day.**

PM CTC students will eat their lunch after the test and depart for CTC at 11:35 AM.

If you have any questions please direct them to **Jason Lininger**, Assistant Principal at 240-236-6400. Thank you.

## **FCPS Career & Technology Center Application Deadline: MARCH 7, 2023**

The deadline to apply to a program at the Career & Technology Center for the 2023-2024 school year is Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Interested students can submit an application from the CTC website <https://edu.fcps.org/ctc/>

*\*Please note - Students must have shadowed in order to submit an application\**

The Career and Technology Center (CTC) is part of the Frederick County Public Schools system. With more than 24 programs to choose from, students have the opportunity to gain college and career experience in a variety of areas while earning college credits as well as valuable industry certifications and licenses. CTC programs are taught in half-day blocks, and students attend their high school for the other half of the school day.

For additional information about the Career & Technology Center visit <https://edu.fcps.org/ctc/>.

The Community Foundation of Frederick County administers scholarships primarily for the benefit of Frederick County, Maryland residents who are pursuing post-secondary education, including undergraduate and graduate degrees, or certifications.

Approximately 60% of our available scholarships consider an applicant's and/or their family's financial need. To be eligible for financial need-based scholarships through the Community Foundation, you must be eligible to complete the FAFSA or for tuition reduction under the Maryland Dream Act as an undocumented student. Additionally, applicants must complete an essay in the scholarship application regarding their need for financial assistance.

Applicants must also upload a PDF of their transcript into the application. High school students, please attach your SENIOR year, first semester transcript (PDF) which must list your cumulative GPA. All other applicants, please attach your MOST recent transcript (PDF) which must list your cumulative GPA. The name of the school must be clearly legible on the form. Both "unofficial" and "official" transcripts are acceptable.

The online Scholarship Application for the 2023-2024 academic year must be submitted before 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2023.

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students –  
Counselors will be calling you in for your 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
conference over the next few weeks**

## **Last Chance AFA Auditions**

Students who are interested in applying to the Academy for the Fine Arts have a second chance to get their applications in for next year.

The AFA is the college and career pathway program for FCPS students in grades 10-12 offering focus areas in art, dance, music, musical theatre, and theatre. We offer advanced level courses (some for AP or Dual Enrollment credit) in a collaborative and creative environment comprised of students from all 10 FCPS High Schools.

To access the AFA application, visit: <https://sites.google.com/fcps.org/academyforthefinearts/apply>

To access the audition packet,

visit: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1orHJE8mnJ1eg\\_ouR2yziWlzVd89eyne7rwrWyUQwjBI/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1orHJE8mnJ1eg_ouR2yziWlzVd89eyne7rwrWyUQwjBI/edit)

Students who would like to be considered for this opportunity **must complete their applications by March 31st** and will be contacted to schedule their audition in April.

## EARLY COLLEGE

The FCC Early College program is a way to earn an associate degree and high school diploma simultaneously by attending FCC full-time during your junior and senior years. The program was created to increase participation and completion for students from populations historically underrepresented in higher education and is open to all FCPS high school students.

**Current FCPS sophomores can apply NOW until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

Members of the Dual Enrollment Team will go through the details of the Early College program and acceptance process, and they will answer questions from interested students and families.

Contact the DE Office at [DualEnrollment@frederick.edu](mailto:DualEnrollment@frederick.edu), 301-624-2893, or [www.frederick.edu/de](http://www.frederick.edu/de)