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## NEWS FROM GUIDANCE #1

Is this year going as fast for you as it is for me? I hope you are all having a great Senior experience so far. It's so important for you to stay on track in your classes...once you get behind, it's difficult to catch up! My goal is for all of you to walk across the stage and get your diploma May 2010...don't be left behind! ☺

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### **Bright Futures Scholarship**

I know many of you are hoping to earn a BF scholarship. Remember...they do NOT count your cumulative GPA! To find out what your "bright futures GPA" is, go to [www.facts.org](http://www.facts.org) and click on high school academic evaluation. To find out more information about the Bright Futures program, go to [www.MyFloridaEducation.com/brfuture](http://www.MyFloridaEducation.com/brfuture) or call them toll free at 1-888-827-2004. I will inform you on a future newsletter when it is time for you to go online and apply.

### **ACT/SAT REGISTRATION**

If you are planning to go to college or hoping to get an athletic or academic scholarship, then you need to take one or both of these tests SOON! Registration materials are available in the guidance office. Testing now allows time to retest if you are not satisfied with your scores. You need to contact your college(s) of interest to see if they require a **WRITING** score as part of their admission criteria.

If you are on free/reduced lunch, see Mrs. Joyner for a fee waiver.

- You can also register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) & [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### **PJC ADULT HIGH SCHOOL**

Another term of PJC adult high school begins October 19 and ends December 16. See Mrs. Joyner for the required paperwork. Remember...you can only transfer 4 credits of an outside source (ex. Community school & PJC adult) toward your graduation.

### **PJC COLLEGE NIGHT**

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (5:00-7:30pm)**

\*Representatives from over 100 colleges, universities, and technical schools will be available to discuss entrance requirements, college cost, financial aid opportunities, and curriculum and career options. It will be held in the Lou Ross Sports Center (Gymnasium).

You are the one ultimately responsible for meeting all graduation requirements.

\*Check your transcript for errors.

\*Check for missing credit requirements.

26 credits including:

**4 cr. English**

**3 cr. Math** (Algebra I or higher)

**3 cr. Science**

**3 cr. Social Science** (World History, Am History, Economics, Government)

**1 cr. practical or performing art**

**.5 cr Life Management Skills**

**.5 Personal Fitness + 2 extra semesters of PE**

You must have at least a **2.0 GPA** to graduate.

**Pass FCAT Reading & Math**-- If you are new to Florida or have not passed one or both sections of this test, then you will take it in October.

### **Attention Athletes!**

Are you planning to play a sport in college? If so, you need to go ahead and register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) to find out about initial eligibility requirements for Division I and Division II colleges.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Please see Mrs. Calhoun located in the guidance office for all scholarship information as well as much more college/career info. One of the best sources for scholarships is the college/university you plan to attend. You need to contact the financial aid offices of colleges you are interested in and ask them to send you a financial aid/scholarship packet...this is generally separate from the application packet.

### Graduation Countdown

#### **September:**

- 7 Labor Day holiday
- 8 Community School Begins
- 9 SAT registration deadline for 10/10 test
- 14 PJC College Day Fair 5:00pm-7:30pm
- 18 ACT registration deadline for 10/24 test
- 23 Progress reports

### **FCAT retake**

The FCAT will be given on **October 12th (Reading) and 13th (math)** for seniors who haven't passed it and new senior students to Florida.

# PLAN

*For the Future*