

*Welcome to Senior Information  
Night  
Class of 2020*



# *Introductions*

## *MCHS Administration:*

Mrs. Betty-Jo Wynham, Principal

Mr. Mike Sacra, Interim Assistant Principal

## *MCHS School Counseling Department:*

Mrs. Chelsea Stamer, School Counselor (A-J)

Mrs. Torie Knighton, School Counseling Director (K-Z)

Mrs. Michelle Beverage, Career Coach, Germanna C.C.

Ms. Karen Teal, Counseling Secretary/Registrar

# *Life After High School:*

*Success today, prepared tomorrow!*

*The 3 E's!*

**Enroll. Enlist. Employ.**



To register at a  
community college,  
university, or trade  
school



To join one of  
the six  
branches of the  
U.S. military



To become a  
part of the  
workforce.






# EMPLOYMENT:

*Are you workplace ready??*

Employers know what they're looking for...

# The NEW WORKPLACE READINESS SKILLS for the Commonwealth

Needs Identified by Virginia Employers



## Personal Qualities and People Skills

- 1. POSITIVE WORK ETHIC:**  
Comes to work every day on time, is willing to take direction, and is motivated to accomplish the task at hand
- 2. INTEGRITY:**  
Abides by workplace policies and laws and demonstrates honesty and reliability
- 3. TEAMWORK:**  
Contributes to the success of the team, assists others, and requests help when needed
- 4. SELF-REPRESENTATION:**  
Dresses appropriately and uses language and manners suitable for the workplace
- 5. DIVERSITY AWARENESS:**  
Works well with all customers and coworkers
- 6. CONFLICT RESOLUTION:**  
Negotiates diplomatic solutions to interpersonal and workplace issues
- 7. CREATIVITY AND RESOURCEFULNESS:**  
Contributes new ideas and works with initiative

## Professional Knowledge and Skills

- 8. SPEAKING AND LISTENING:**  
Follows directions and communicates effectively with customers and fellow employees
- 9. READING AND WRITING:**  
Reads and interprets workplace documents and writes clearly
- 10. CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING:**  
Analyzes and resolves problems that arise in completing assigned tasks
- 11. HEALTH AND SAFETY:**  
Follows safety guidelines and manages personal health
- 12. ORGANIZATIONS, SYSTEMS, AND CLIMATES:**  
Identifies "big picture" issues and his or her role in fulfilling the mission of the workplace
- 13. LIFELONG LEARNING:**  
Continually acquires new industry-related information and improves professional skills
- 14. JOB ACQUISITION AND ADVANCEMENT:**  
Prepares to apply for a job and to seek promotion
- 15. TIME, TASK, AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:**  
Organizes and implements a productive plan of work
- 16. MATHEMATICS:**  
Uses mathematical reasoning to accomplish tasks
- 17. CUSTOMER SERVICE:**  
Identifies and addresses the needs of all customers, providing helpful, courteous, and knowledgeable service

## Technology Knowledge and Skills

- 18. JOB-SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES:**  
Selects and safely uses technological resources to accomplish work responsibilities in a productive manner
- 19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:**  
Uses computers, file management techniques, and software/programs effectively
- 20. INTERNET USE AND SECURITY:**  
Uses the Internet appropriately for work
- 21. TELECOMMUNICATIONS:**  
Selects and uses appropriate devices, services, and applications



# *The Resume & Portfolio:*

*The resume should be:*

- Relevant
- Clear
- Include your skills and strengths



*So, what should I include in my portfolio?*

- Resume
- Recommendations and/or References
- Transcript
- Certificates & Awards
- Copy of Birth Cert./SSN/Driver's License



*Mrs. Michelle Beverage  
Career Coach*





# Career Coaching at MCHS

**Career Exploration:** What career is best for me? Take assessments to evaluate my skills & interests.

**Education/Training:** Should I attend a trade/vocational school? Would a 2 year associate's degree work for me? How about an apprenticeship or certificate program?

**Job Skills:** I need help filling out an application. I need a resume! What do I wear to my interview next week? What are the soft skills employers are looking for?

*Meet one-on-one with Mrs. Beverage to make a plan.*

*Stop by the counseling office to get started!*

# *Career Fair 2019*

*Wednesday, October 30*

*MCHS Cafeteria*

- Seniors will attend during first block with their teacher at 8:30am
- Opportunity to talk to employers and business leaders
- Centered around the 16 career clusters - Explore & ask lots of questions!
- Everything from Healthcare to Machinist Operator
- Dress for Success!
- Bring a resume if interested in employment

*Need help creating a resume?*

*Set up an appointment with Mrs. Beverage*

# *Enlistment: Military Options*

Staff Sgt. Hunter Kiser,  
U.S. Army



# *Enlistment:*

## *Military Options*

Staff Sgt. Joseph McNicholas,  
U.S. Marine Corps





# Virginia's 2 + 2 Program

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION** to Virginia's four-year institutions for students who complete an Associate's degree at a Virginia Community College

- ✓ Saves \$30,000 plus in tuition and fees
- ✓ Great place to start if worried about starting at a "big" school
- ✓ Small classes
- ✓ Honors programs and national honor societies
- ✓ Sports and social interest groups
- ✓ \$2,000 Transfer Scholarship to the four-year school
- ✓ Accepted by employers and graduate/professional schools

# *Choosing the Right College*

- Match interests & skills to a college program (MAJOR) which will lead to a career.
- Match your qualifications & personality with the profile of admitted students of each college.

***Will I fit in???***

# *How many colleges should I apply to?*

- 2 Dream Schools (your “reach” schools)
- 2 Mid-range Schools
- 1 Foundation School (safety)





# *College Visits at MCHS*

- Representatives from various colleges and universities visit MCHS September - November
- Visits are announced and posted
- Students sign up through **Naviance**



# *Factors Used to Evaluate Applications:*

- #1 Program of study
- #2 Academic Achievement
- #3 Standardized Test Scores  
(SAT/ACT)
- #4 Extracurricular Activities
- #5 Personal Statement/Essays
- #6 Recommendations

# *#1 Program of Study*

- Most Demanding
- Demanding
- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average



# #2 *Academic Achievement*

- Core classes
- Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Weighted
- Unweighted (Simple)
- Rank



# #3 *Standardized Test Scores*

## ACT

- Math
- Science
- Reading
- English
- Writing (opt)

## SAT

- Reasoning Test
  - **Critical Reading**
  - **Math**
  - **Writing**
- Subject Area Tests



# #4 *Extracurricular Accomplishments*

- Complete the Brag Sheet (*Naviance*)
- Include skills & special interests
- Talk to your School Counselor!





# #5 *Personal Statement/Essay*

- Do not repeat information given in application
- Be creative *but* authentic ~ this is your opportunity to stand out!
- Check spelling
- Write & rewrite- take a break & then proofread again!
- Have a teacher (or 2!) review it for you.





# #6 Letters of Recommendation

- Personally ask core subject teachers, administrators, coaches, and/or counselors for letters of recommendation.
- Submit a formal request in *Naviance*.
- Be courteous and allow teachers and counselors plenty of time before your deadline.
- Follow up with a Thank You email!



# *The Common Application*

- Christopher Newport University
- College of William & Mary
- Emory & Henry College
- Hampden – Sydney College
- Marymount University
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Richmond
- University of Virginia
- Washington & Lee University

## MISSION

The Common Application is a not-for-profit membership organization that, since its founding over 35 years ago, has been committed to providing reliable services that promote equity, access, and integrity in the college application process. We serve students, member institutions, and secondary schools by providing applications that students and school officials may submit to any of our over 500 members. Membership is open to colleges and universities that promote access by evaluating students using a holistic selection process.

## SEARCH FOR COLLEGES

[Applicants](#)[Members](#)[Recommenders](#)

Email Address

Password

[Forgot your Password?](#)

HELP CENTER

CREATE AN ACCOUNT



# *Okay, I'm ready to apply... now what?*

- Read the entire application & directions carefully.
- Pay close attention to dates/deadlines.
- Start with the simple applications first, then progress to the more complex ones (Common App)

# *The Process*

- Collect data (transcript, Brag Sheet, test scores, etc.)
- Print a copy of the blank application and practice filling one in.
- Be accurate & truthful - do not exaggerate your accomplishments.
- Proofread, Proofread, Proofread! Missing information could delay decisions.
- Be clear in your responses; avoid being vague.

# *Definitions*

- **Early Decision** is binding; students can apply to only 1 college for early decision.
- **Early Action** is non-binding but provides a decision earlier.
- **Regular Decision**
- **Waitlisted**
- **Denied**

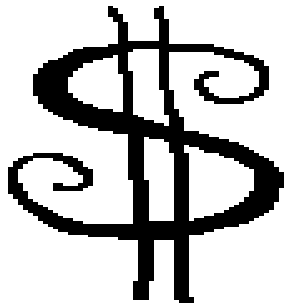
# *Deadlines*

## **Early Action Early Decision**

- November 1
- November 15
- December 1
- December 15

## **Regular Decision**

- January 1st
- January 15th



# *Scholarships*



- Naviance has two scholarship search options:
  - Scholarship List
  - National Scholarship Search





# *Scholarship List*

## ***National, State & Local Scholarships***

Local scholarships become available to students starting in January

- Posted on Naviance and MCHS website
- Morning/Afternoon announcements
- Students will be able to pick up applications in the Counseling Office



# *Scholarship Profile*

- Scholarship search engines find scholarships tailored to your personal resume
- Search engines are looking at:
  - Extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, band, forensics, 4-H)
  - Leadership (in school or community)
  - Community Service
  - Resilience – overcoming personal hardships & challenges

# Fastweb



For the next four weeks, Monday Means Moolah for Fastwebbers. Enter weekly for

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FINANCIAL AID

CAREER PLANNING

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# FAFSA

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### New to the FAFSA?

Start A New  
FAFSA

### Returning User?

- Make a correction
- Add a school
- View your Student Aid

Login

# *MCHS Financial Aid Information Night*

**Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**6-7 p.m.**

**MCHS Library**



**FINANCIAL  
AID 101**

# FAFSA

Completion Workshops



Thursday, October 3

6 pm

MCHS Library

# REMINDERS

- THINK before you post! What does your social media presence say about you?
- Stay Informed!
- Listen for important reminders & deadlines on the Morning & Afternoon announcements.
- If you aren't already in this habit, please check your school email regularly!
- Check the MCHS website regularly!
- Check in with your School Counselor with any questions or concerns – we're here to help!
- ***ENJOY YOUR SENIOR YEAR!!***

*Questions?*



**THANK YOU!**

*Countdown to Graduation:*

*242 days!!*