



COUNSELOR CONNECTION

October 2025



College, Military, & Career Fair

The CMC Fair was held on Thursday, September 18 in Thiel Gym. This is a great partnership between the high school, area colleges, and the community!



Senior Night FAFSA & more

Thursday, October 23

5-7PM in the Main Commons

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA completion is state of Illinois graduation requirement. This is also how you receive money for college!

What to expect on Senior Night:

- Assistance with FAFSA completion
- Assistance with FAFSA waiver if necessary
- Support with Foundation Scholarship Application
- Local college admissions representatives available to answer questions & assist with application information

How to prepare:

- Each student & guardian must create a FSA ID at least 48 hours prior to January 8th. Visit studentaid.gov to create your FSA ID.
- <https://bit.ly/CreateFSAidGalesburg> provides step-by-step instructions on FSA ID creation.
- Bring your log-in information and your 2024 tax return information for both the student and the guardian

Contact Mrs. Woodard if you have questions.

Check us out *Online* <https://bit.ly/GJSHScounseling>

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING MONTH

Students and Staff are encouraged to wear college gear every Friday throughout the month of October!

Oct. 1- Junior College Planning Group

Juniors who signed up will meet on Wednesdays during Study Halls in October

Oct. 7- Carl Sandburg College Fair

Juniors & Seniors were able to sign up in the Google Classroom.

Oct. 6 & 20- Sandburg Info Meetings

Students can sign up in their Google Classroom

Oct. 21 & 30- Sandburg App. Workshop

Students can sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/Sandburgapp2025>

Oct. 22-NCAA Eligibility Presentations PE classes will learn more about the process!

Oct. 23- Senior Night, 5-7pm

Seniors are invited to attend to complete FAFSA, apply for scholarships, and visit with local college representatives.

Oct. 28- ASVAB Administration

Students who are interested in completed the test, please reach out to Mr. Bredemeier.

TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

All transcripts are sent electronically through Parchment

The link will take you to Parchment.
<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/10443/institution>

You will need to create an account through Parchment first. Do NOT use your school email. Use your personal email address.

You will need to remember your username and password. No one at GHS can unlock your parchment account.

Illinois State Law- Test score and class rank cannot be put on your transcript.

HOB Leadership Conference

Current sophomores can apply to the HOBY Leadership Conference held in June at Illinois Wesleyan. Students must apply by October 31st and more information is on the Google Classroom.

Contact Gretchen Gonzalez with questions. Visit <https://www.hoby.org/> for more information.

Huddle up

Galesburg CUSD 205 is dedicated to enhancing every student's well-being by providing support resources, skill-building opportunities, and access to mental health experts. The District is thrilled to share the following info regarding our partnership with Huddle Up, an initiative to support families by offering 1:1 mental health services online, to current students in grades 7-12, at no cost to you. As a service facilitated by Galesburg CUSD 205, this program is designed to contribute to the overall well-being of your student.

**Students can schedule 1:1 virtual mental health therapy sessions during the school day or from your home, depending on provider availability.
(Up to 10 Sessions per Student)**

Please click here to learn more: <https://bit.ly/HuddleupGalesburg>

Upcoming Events

October 6 & 20- Sandburg
Informational Meeting

October 13-October 17- Fall Break!

October 21 & 30- Sandburg
Application Assistance

October 23- PSAT/NMSQT Testing

October 23- Senior Night

October 28- ASVAB

November 12- Parent/Teacher
Conferences

AP

TEST REGISTRATION

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses, **must register to take the AP exam by Friday, October 31st.** All students and guardians should have received an email with details regarding registration. **Register at: www.TotalRegistration.net/AP/142000**

Please contact Stephanie Woodard at
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with questions!