



COUNSELOR CONNECTION

October 2026



College, Military, & Career Fair

The CMC Fair was held on Wednesday, September 30 in Thiel Gym. This is a great partnership between the high school, area colleges, and the community!



FOR ALL SENIORS

A STATE OF ILLINOIS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Complete your FAFSA to stay on track for graduation and your future!



FAFSA COMPLETION SUPPORT

Get hands-on help with your FAFSA and answer your questions.



SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY ASSISTANCE

Tips, guidance, and support to help you write a strong scholarship essay.



LOCAL COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Meet with college representatives and learn about your options.



FOOD PROVIDED

Enjoy food sponsored by 21st Century Scholars!



WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 7, 2026
5:00 – 7:00 PM



**GALESBURG
HIGH SCHOOL
COMMONS**



What to Bring:

Parents & Students need:

- ✓ 2025 tax return
- ✓ FSA ID log-in (if already created)
- ✓ License (if available)

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. 6- Carl Sandburg College Preview Day

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

Oct. 7- Senior Night, 5-7pm

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

Oct. 8, 22, & 29- during all lunches

Please visit Mrs. Woodard during lunch! She will have a table set up in the Commons to answer questions regarding postsecondary planning!

Oct. 21 & 28- Sandburg App. Workshop

Students can sign up at:
<https://bit.ly/Sandburgapp2026>

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.

OVER 800 STUDENTS

have visited the
counseling office since the
start of the academic year!

HOBY Leadership Conference

Current sophomores can apply to the HOBY Leadership Conference held in June at Illinois Wesleyan. Students can sign up for the informational session on October 23 in Google Classroom. Contact Mrs. Gonzalez with questions. Visit <https://www.hoby.org/> for more information.



Attention Seniors Scholarships Available!

**The Galesburg Public School
Foundation Scholarship application is
NOW OPEN!**

Completing one application allows you to apply for multiple scholarships. These scholarships are for Galesburg High School seniors and are privately funded. Scholarship recipients are selected by those who fund the scholarship or by a committee at GJSHS.

**More information and the application
is available on the
Class of 2027 Google Classroom and at
<https://bit.ly/GPSF2027>**

All documents must be turned in together in a sealed envelope or manila folder. Return to the counseling office (Ms. Johnson) by **Friday, January 29.**

Important Dates

October 7- Senior FAFSA Night

October 12-16- Fall Break!

October 21 & 28- Sandburg
Application Assistance

October 22- PSAT/NMSQT Testing

October 27- ASVAB Testing

November 5- FAFSA Follow-up at
6pm in Little Theater- Learn what
happens after a FAFSA is
completed! Also conference night.

AP

TEST REGISTRATION

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

Please contact Sarah McDermott at
smcdermott@galesburg205.org
with questions!

CLASS OF 2027

Our students have been taking advantage of informational sessions that help with their postsecondary planning! Check out the full list of Fall Events on the next page!





CLASS OF 2027

SENIOR EVENTS

FALL 2026	EVENT DETAILS
SEP 9	College Application Workshop - 8AM in Little Theater This is a late start Wednesday! Learn the ins & outs of the application process including the components of college applications and essays
SEP 23	All About Scholarships - Each Study Hall in Little Theater Learn the basics of a scholarship application and how to submit a successful application.
SEP 24	FSA ID Workshop - 2 Sessions at 5:15pm & 6:00pm in Little Theater (Parent/Teacher Conf. Night) Attendees will create their FSA ID. An FSA ID is required to start a FAFSA and is how you electronically "sign". Students and parents must create the FSA ID using their social security number.
OCT 7	Senior Night - 5-7PM in The Commons This event is for ALL Seniors! We will have support for FAFSA completion, scholarship essay assistance, and local college reps available. FAFSA completion is a graduation requirement.
OCT 21	Sandburg App Workshop - Each Study Hall in Little Theater Students can complete their Sandburg Application with help! Students need to know their Social Security number. Sandburg applications are required prior to Promise Application.
OCT 28	Sandburg App Workshop - Each Study Hall in Little Theater Students can complete their Sandburg Application with help! Students need to know their Social Security number. Sandburg applications are required prior to Promise Application.
NOV 5	FAFSA Follow-up - 6pm in Little Theater (Parent/Teacher Conf. Night) Learn what happens after a FAFSA is completed including Student Aid Report (SAR), verification process & reviewing financial aid.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Woodard (swoodard@galesburg205.org). We are excited to offer some of these workshops in partnership with Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and 21st Century Scholars.