



Freshman Newsletter

Welcome to high school! The times you have heard “everything counts” and “this will go on your transcript” has finally arrived. Don’t be daunted by it. BA has been preparing you for this since Day 1. It is an exciting time for you. The time when you can almost see a “light at the end of the tunnel” but believe me and most of the graduates before you...it is a time you won’t want to leave when it comes down to it.

Website

You have apparently found the counseling tab on the website so stay in touch. If you need information and it is not there let Mrs. Chalker know. There is a lot of useful information on the website but there is also a great deal more on the web. Search for what you want and bookmark it so you can go back. Most of the time you read ‘don’t look ahead’ but you need to on these pages. Read what the upper classman have to do to get ready for college. There is valuable information you will need to know at some point.

Internet

www.gafutures.org is the website that should already be very familiar to the juniors. Another site in www.myroad.com and that is available to anyone who took the PSAT. An access code that can be used to register for a password is located in the lower part of the PSAT score report. My Road offers a personality test and a college search feature that can generate multi-page reports for students.

PSAT

The PSAT is a preliminary test designed to offer students practice for the SAT. All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at BA are required to take the PSAT. Accounts will be billed for the \$15.00 test.

GPA

Look for the section labeled GPA on the counselor page. If you have any questions please see Mrs. Chalker

HOPE

Information on calculating HOPE is located on the counseling page. www.gsfc.org is the best place to look for anything you may have questions on.

College Night

This year college night is on September 15, 2016 at the James Brown Arena. Times are 5:00-8:30. Most of the attendees are juniors and seniors but it is never too early to go and talk to a representative. You can find out admissions information o get into that particular college.

Visits to colleges

Many students tend to get more involved as they get into their junior and senior years. It is also not too early to visit colleges so go now. Go when classes are in session. Make it a Sunday overnight adventure so you can get up on Monday and visit the classes. Call the school and make an appointment. You will have a tour guide who can give you the ins and outs of the college.

Counselor Meeting

Mrs. Chalker will meet with freshmen to begin on their plan of study for high school.

