



SENIOR DUES



2020 Senior dues will be \$135.00

These are mandatory and can be paid to Mrs. Pennie Wade, Book Keeper.

This fee will include the following:

- Yearbook (not personalized)
- Senior shirt with the 2020 students' names on the back
- Senior Picnic
- Diploma Cover
- Honors Items

<u>SENIOR DUES SUGGESTED PAYMENT INSTALLMENTS</u>		
October 25, 2019	-	\$45.00
November 22, 2019	-	\$45.00
April 24, 2020	-	\$45.00

Senior Fees for Graduation Regalia with Herff Jones: Minimum of \$55.00

Your Graduation Regalia (cap, gown, tassel & stole) must be purchased from Herff Jones. It will be offered in their packages but you DO NOT have to purchase an entire package; you can buy the graduation regalia only if you like.

The typical cost for this item with early to regular ordering is approximately \$55.00.

THE HERFF JONES SENIOR CAP & GOWN MEETING IS OCTOBER 22, 2019 AT 9:00 A.M.

The current charges for Senior Ads in the yearbook are as follows:



- \$125 for full page (fits up to 20 pictures)
- \$100 for ¾ page
- \$75 for ½ page (fits up to 10 pictures)
- \$50 for ¼ page

Senior Pictures are on 11/5/19

All Yearbook items (Senior Quotes, Baby Pictures, etc.) must be submitted to Mr. Lee Edwards by Dec. 18, 2019.

KEY CONTACTS FOR 2020 SENIOR YEAR		
PERSON & POSITION	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS
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Herff Jones – Graduation Regalia www.hjswga.com	229-382-6837	spudhj@friendlycity.net

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FEES & OTHER FINES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE GRADUATION OR THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MARCH.



SENIOR CHECKLIST

- 1) **Recommendations:** Some sort of resume' is needed for recommendations and scholarships. The resume / **Recommendation Data Sheet should include information from experiences during grades 9 – 12, both in and out of school. Allow at least ONE WEEK for recommendations to be completed.** It should be returned to your Academic Focus Teacher or Mrs. Thomas with the Senior Packet info you will receive. This is especially important for scholarship applications and nominations.
- 2) **Testing:** Planning to attend a 4 year college? **You need to register for AND take the ACT and/or SAT.** Many two-year colleges in Georgia do not require these tests. If a college-bound student does not take one of these tests in the 1st semester of senior year, then he/she may jeopardize acceptance to a college.

ACT Test Dates & Deadlines

ACT (www.actstudent.org)

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	ACT Scores Available
July 13, 2019	June 14th	July 23rd
Sept. 14, 2019	Aug. 16th	Sept. 24th
Oct. 26, 2019	Sept. 20th	Nov. 5th
Dec. 14, 2019	Nov. 8th	Dec. 23rd
Feb. 8, 2020	Jan. 10th	Feb. 18th
April 4, 2020	Feb. 28th	Apr. 14th
June 13, 2020	May 8th	June 23rd

SAT Test Dates & Deadlines

SAT (www.collegeboard.com)

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	SAT Scores Available
Aug. 24, 2019	July 26 th	Sept. 6th
Oct. 5, 2019	Sept. 6 th	Oct. 18th
Nov. 2, 2019	Oct. 3 rd	Nov. 15th
Dec. 7, 2019	Nov. 8 th	Dec. 20th
March 14, 2020	Feb. 14 th	Mar. 27th
May 2, 2020	Apr. 3 rd	May 15th
June 6, 2020	May 8 th	July 15th

Practice tests for both are available at the test websites as well as gafutures.org.

If a student is eligible for free or reduced lunch, he/she is eligible for a fee waiver. In their entire high school career, each eligible student can receive 2 fee waivers for ACT, 2 fee waivers for SAT and 4 fee waivers for college applications. Fee Waivers are processed on Tuesdays & Thursdays during lunches when available. **STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE FEE WAIVER REQUEST FORM next to Mrs. Thomas' office to begin process to receive fee waiver.** Students receiving should qualify for free/ reduced based upon qualifying household income for eligibility.

- 3) **GAfutures.org** should be used to find helpful resources for career exploration, college planning, financial aid and scholarships. **Students should use their most current account.** This is also necessary for your HOPE and FAFSA applications as well as transcript request. www.Gafutures.org
- 4) **College Campus Visits.** Two absences are allowed with parental approval and prior approval by PCHS administration. Student should request and submit Campus Visitation request form with a guidance counselor. It must be approved by the principal.
- 5) **College and Military representatives schedule regular visits during lunch period.** Take advantage of the opportunity to meet with these representatives.
- 6) **Apply to schools in the fall.** It is best to apply on-line. **Early decision is encouraged in the fall. CHECK DEADLINES!** Request transcripts from Mrs. Thomas via www.gafutures.org or signing the request sheet on the

bulletin board next to her office in Building A. Mail transcripts, recommendation, etc. together. You may mail the transcripts with applications but KEEP IT IN SEALED ENVELOPE.

- 7) **NCAA:** Athletes should be registered with NCAA by the spring of their junior year at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Students eligible for fee waivers can have the registration fee waived. Request a fee waiver when setting up your NCAA account. Mrs. Thomas will process the request and upload your transcript. Updated transcripts are uploaded to NCAA after the end of each semester after transcripts are updated in Infinite Campus.
- 8) **Transcripts:** If you need to request a transcript to be sent to a college or for a scholarship program, you may submit your request by either 1) signing up for it on the TRANSCRIPT REQUEST form on Ms. Thomas' bulletin board next to her office or 2) electronically via gafutures.org under the College Planning tab and 3) complete the Final transcript request during graduation week in May 2020.
- 9) **Scholarships / Financial Aid resources (USE ONLY FREE RESOURCES):**
- Pay attention to announcements and guidance information board for updated scholarship info.
 - Check your school e-mail and PCHS website
 - Try google searches for topics that are unique for you such as career interest like pre-law, heritage, religion, hobbies, etc.
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| ➤ www.gafutures.org | ➤ www.federalstudentaid.gov |
| ➤ www.fastweb.com | ➤ www.students.gov |
| ➤ www.cappex.com | ➤ www.scholarshipexpert.com |
| ➤ www.fafsa.ed.gov | ➤ www.brokescholar.com |
| ➤ www.College.gov | ➤ www.smexpress.com |
| ➤ www.Federalstudentaid.ed.gov | ➤ www.findtuition.com |
| ➤ www.Fafsa4caster.ed.gov | ➤ www.esfweb.com |
| ➤ www.Scholarships.com | ➤ www.gocollege.com |
| ➤ www.studentaid.ed.gov | ➤ www.studypoint.com |
| ➤ www.collegegoalsundayga.com | |

In addition to completing the FAFSA, students should also complete GSFAPPS for HOPE. Both can be done via gafutures.org. FAFSA can be completed as early as October 2019.

10) Voter Registration is required for financial aid process. Students, especially males, that are 18 years need to be registered to vote. 18 year old males must do this for Selective Service. If you are not registered yet, you may complete the voter registration application with Ms. Simmons in the Media Center or online with the FAFSA.

HOPE Program – Information found at www.gafutures.org

HOPE Scholarship Eligibility- students must have **3.0 average in ALL core-curriculum coursework** (Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Language). Students Graduating after May 1, 2016 must meet the additional rigor requirement and have four full academic credits from the approved academic rigor courses list that can be found at gafutures.org. Award amounts vary and can be better determined at gafutures.org.

Zell Miller Scholarship requires a 3.7 GPA in all core-curriculum coursework and a score of at least 1200 combined reading and math scores on a single administration of SAT or an ACT composite score of at least 26. Students Graduating after May 1, 2016 must meet the additional rigor requirement and have four full academic credits from the approved courses list that can be found at gafutures.org. Award amounts vary and can be better determined at gafutures.org.

HOPE Grant & Zell Miller Grant- are for students working towards a certificate or diploma at a technical college. For Zell, full-time enrollment is not required and students are not required to graduate from high

school with a specific GPA, however, a minimum 3.5 cumulative postsecondary GPA, at the end of each term, is required in order to maintain eligibility. For HOPE, full-time enrollment is not required and students are not required to graduate from high school with a specific GPA, however, they are required to have a postsecondary cumulative 2.0 GPA, at certain checkpoints, in order to maintain eligibility.

Scholarships and Awards available for Seniors

STAR Student Award – based upon highest SAT score for the school. Deadline SAT test date for 2020 is November 4, 2019.

Gates Millennium Scholars Program for Minorities

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

PCHS Valedictorian Award

McDonald Rhodes Scholarship Award

Rotary Club of Byron Scholarships

Girls State Good Citizenship Award

Central Ga. Tech MOWR Award

CB&T Bank Scholarship

Athletic Awards from many colleges & universities

Hispanic Scholarship fund- www.hsfnet

The Golden Eagle Award

PCHS Salutatorian Award

Ernest R. Anderson Scholarship Award

Mamie J. Miller Scholarship

Delta Sigma Theta FVSU Alumnae Chapter
Scholarship

The Honorable Thurgood Marshall Scholarship

FVSU MOWR Awards

MGT Scholarship

Military Awards & Honors

Central Ga. Tech ACCEL/Dual Enrollment Awards

Navy ROTC Scholarship

AND MANY MORE!!!!!!

How to Calculate 4.0 GPA: Use the following scale A= 4 points, B= 3 points, C= 2 points and F= 0 points. Add up all grades according to the given scale and divide by the total number of classes for the grade point average. Remember that for calculating the HOPE or Zell Miller GPA, calculate only core academic, CTAE and foreign language classes.

HONOR GRADUATE CALCULATIONS: Honor graduates are determined by calculating all core academic courses with weighted/ bonus points. It includes: Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Foreign Languages, CTAE, NJROTC. It does not include: PE/Health, Band, Weight Training, Art, Choir & Drama. The weighted point system is as follows:

- 5 points- AP classes
- 3 points- Gifted/Honors/Accelerated
- 1 point- Dual Enrollment

Students with an academic GPA of 95 or higher earn the Honors Graduate with Distinction status. Students with an academic GPA of 90 - 94 earn the Honor Graduate status.

REMINDERS

- ❖ **October 29th We will have a Senior Parent College Planning & Financial Aid Information night.** This is an important meeting for seniors and their parents. Our representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission / GAfutures will make a presentation. Parents will receive a packet that explains federal and state aid.
- ❖ **Your SAT/ACT scores must be sent directly from the College Board or ACT to the college of your choice.** You can identify these schools when you sign up for the SAT (ACT will do the same). You may also do this by logging on the College Board website- click College Board Test, click SAT Scores, click Send and View Scores on the right. **This includes NCAA & NAIA for student athletes- scores must be sent directly.**
- ❖ **Apply for early admission to college to hopefully avoid housing shortage often experienced on some campuses.** Check your college website for early admission deadlines.

- ❖ **Check your school e-mails for information and updates.** To check your e-mails, students can go to gmail.com. Student user name is your student (lunch) number. Student password is your personal Id + Date of Birth + first initial +last initial (both initials are in lower case).
- ❖ **CREDIT RECOVERY / REPAIR COURSES THAT NEED TO BE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED- GET THEM DONE! If you failed any required course and have not finished your credit repair or credit recovery online via Edgenuity, YOU MUST FINISH & PASS THE CLASS(ES) BY MAY 1, 2020.** Credit Assistance is available before school beginning at 6:30 a.m. or after school in the Media Center until 5:30 p.m.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO BEGIN YOUR PROCESS FOR GRADUATION, MEET DEADLINES, DO APPLICATIONS, REQUEST INFO FROM COUNSELOR, TURN IN WORK, CHECK FOR ANY FEES OWED, ETC!

SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

Important Dates For 2019 - 20

DATE	ACTIVITY
August	Senior Class Meeting during Academic Focus
September 2	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
September 12	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
September 7- 13	9/7 - Homecoming Court Election Process Begins (Application Available) 9/13 - Vote during Academic Focus
September 25	SENIOR NIGHT SOFTBALL GAME
September 26	Bring Your Parent to Work/ Shadow Your Student Day
September/ October TBA	Senior Group Photo
October 3	LAST DAY OF 1 ST NINE WEEKS
October 4	STUDENT HOLIDAY / TEACHER WORK DAY
October 7 - 11	FALL BREAK HOLIDAY!
October 14	BEGIN 2 ND NINE WEEKS
October 15	REPORT CARDS ISSUED & CURRICULUM NIGHT
October 25	Senior Dues Deadline for First Installment (minimum \$45; Total= \$135)
October 22	Herff Jones Senior Class Meeting in Auditorium at 9:00 a.m.
October 28 & 29	Herff Jones Senior Orders during lunches 10/28 – Cap & Gown Ordering (Last Names A – L) 10/29 - Cap & Gown Ordering (Last names M – Z)
October 29	FAFSA- GA Student Finance Workshop for parents & students Senior Parent College & Financial Planning Workshop.
October 31	ASVAB – Café at 7:30 a.m.
November 1 – 30	GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH- TIME TO DO YOUR APPLICATIONS!!!! Specific activities calendar will be shared at later date. Check your school e-mail.
November 1	SENIOR NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME
November 5	SENIOR POTRAIT RETAKES – CHECK WITH MR. EDWARDS FOR APPOINTMENTS
November 21	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
November 25 - 29	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
November 22	Senior Dues Deadline for Second Installment (minimum \$40; Total= \$125)
November TBA	PCHS Annual College & Career Fair

DATE	ACTIVITY
December 4 – 11	EOC Administration Dates: Dec. 4 = ELA Section 1 Dec. 5- ELA Sections 2 & 3 Dec. 6 = Math Dec. 10 = Science Dec. 11= Social Studies (ECONOMICS)
December 6	Herff Jones Final Cap & Gown Ordering during lunches: deadline for changes and cancellations with HERFF JONES
December 18	Deadline For Senior Yearbook Inclusions- Senior Ads, Quotes, Baby Pictures, etc.
December 18	END OF 2 nd NINE WEEKS/ FIRST SEMESTER
December 19 – January 2	WINTER HOLIDAY
January 3	STUDENT HOLIDAY
January 6	BEGIN 3 RD NINE WEEKS / 2 ND SEMESTER
January 14	REPORT CARDS ISSUED
January 20	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
January TBA	Shadow Your Senior! / Bring Your Parent To Work Day
February 20	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED Parent Curriculum Night
February 14	ASVAB – Café at 7:30
February 17	WINTER HOLIDAY/ PRESIDENTS DAY
February 18	STUDENT HOLIDAY / TEACHER WORK DAY
February TBA	Parent Financial Aid Night – Media Center
March 13	END 3 rd NINE WEEKS
March 16	BEGIN 4 TH NINE WEEKS
March 19	REPORTS CARDS ISSUED
March 24 – 26	Honor Graduate Calculations
March 27 – 30	Senior Trip- Cruise & Orlando
March 30 – April 3	SPRING BREAK
April 10	Herff Jones Senior Product Delivery
April 18	Junior/Senior Prom at PCHS Senior Walkout begins at 7:00 p.m.
April 27 – May 1	EOC Administration Dates: Apr. 27 = Social Studies (ECONOMICS) Apr. 28= ELA Section 1 Apr. 29 =ELA Sections 2 & 3 Apr. 30 = Math May 1 = Science
April 24	Senior Dues Deadline for 3 rd & Final Payment (\$45 or remaining balance)
April 30	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
April TBA	FVSU Youth Motivational Task Force Alumni Day at PCHS
May 8	CAP & GOWN DELIVERY during lunches!!
May 4 – 15	AP Exam Administration: AP Studio Art – May 4 AP Literature – May 6 AP Language – May 13 AP Statistics - May 15
May 15	LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR 2020 SENIORS- ALL online coursework should also be completed by this date
May 20	Graduation Picnic will begin around 11:00 a.m.
May 20 - 21	Graduation Practice in the Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. ALL MANDATORY SENIOR FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 18TH
May 22	GRADUATION CEREMONY AT 8:00 P.M. Graduating Seniors Report To Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
June 5	Final Transcripts Mailed Out