



SENIOR DUES



2023 Senior dues will be \$150.00

These are mandatory and can be paid to Mrs. Dollar, bookkeeper located in the main office.

<p><u>This fee will include the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook (not personalized) • Senior shirt with the 2023 students' names on the back • Senior/ Grad Week Activities • Diploma Cover & Graduation Items 	<p><u>SENIOR DUES SUGGESTED PAYMENT</u></p> <p><u>INSTALLMENTS</u></p> <p>October 28 - \$50.00 February 28 - \$50.00 March 31 - \$50.00</p>
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Senior Fees for Graduation Regalia with Herff Jones: Minimum of \$75.00

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 \$75.00.

THE HERFF JONES SENIOR CAP & GOWN MEETING IS TUESDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 9:00 A.M.

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

- \$250 for full page
- \$150 for 1/2 page
- \$100 for 1/4 page
- \$50 for 1/8page

All Senior Ad items must be submitted to Ms. Jennifer Martin by Dec. 16, 2022 or until space runs out.



KEY CONTACTS FOR 2022 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 May 1, 2023 OR THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.



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 Counselor. 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 Testing Dates

2022-2023 Test Dates (National)









Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 10, 2022	August 5	August 19	September 2
October 22, 2022	September 16	September 30	October 14
December 10, 2022	November 4	November 11	December 2
February 11, 2023	January 6	January 20	February 3
April 15, 2023	March 10	March 24	April 7
June 10, 2023	May 5	May 19	June 2
July 15, 2023*	June 16	June 23	July 7

SAT Testing Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Aug 27, 2022	Jul 29, 2022	Aug 16, 2022
Oct 1, 2022	Sept 2, 2022 Register	Sept 20, 2022
Nov 5, 2022**	Oct 7, 2022 Register	Oct 25, 2022
Dec 3, 2022	Nov 3, 2022 Register	Nov 22, 2022
Mar 11, 2023	Feb 10, 2023	Feb 28, 2023
May 6, 2023	Apr 7, 2023	Apr 25, 2023
June 3, 2023	May 4, 2023	May 23, 2023

If a junior or senior 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. STUDENTS SHOULD USE THE QR CODE OR EMAIL THEIR COUNSELOR TO REQUEST A FEE WAIVER.

- 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 requests. www.Gafutures.org
- 4) College Campus Visits. Two absences are allowed with parental approval and prior approval by PCHS administration. Students should request and submit Campus Visitation request form to his/her counselor at least a week in advance. 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 counselor via www.gafutures.org or signing the request sheet in the main office. 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. Ms. Caldwell 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) using your counselors' QR code 2) electronically via gafutures.org under the College Planning tab or 3) emailing your Counselor including the email address or mailing address where the transcript should be sent or 4) complete the Final transcript request during graduation week in May 2023.
- 9) Scholarships / Financial Aid resources (USE ONLY FREE RESOURCES):
 - Pay attention to announcements, your school email, REMIND and PCHS website for updated scholarship info.
 - Try google searches for topics that are unique for you such as career interest like pre-law, heritage, religion, hobbies, etc.

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

In addition to completing the FAFSA, students should also complete GSFAPPS for HOPE. Both can be done via gafutures.org. FAFSA Night is October 4, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

- 10) Voter Registration is required for the financial aid process. Students, especially males, that are 18 years old need to be registered to vote. 18-year-old males must do this for Selective Service. If you are not registered yet, community organizations will visit the school at various times during the year or online with the FAFSA.
- 11) Dual Enrollment: If you are interested in taking a college class next semester while you are in high school, please see your school counselor to discuss your options. The deadline to get all paperwork completed for spring semester is November 1st. Keep in mind that you must be on track for graduation to participate, and Dual Enrollment grades are placed on your high school and college transcript.

HOPE Program – Information found at www.gafutures.org

HOPE Scholarship Eligibility- students must have a 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 post secondary 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.

<https://www.gafutures.org/media/kswotdbu/rigor-list-november-2021-print-ready.pdf>

Scholarships and Awards available for Seniors

STAR Student Award – based upon the highest SAT score in one sitting for the school in the top 10% of the graduating class. Deadline SAT test date for 2022 is November 5, 2022. STAR Student will select a STAR Teacher that has had the most influence on their academic success.

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
College Board Opportunity Scholarships- visit
cb.org/opportunity 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 courses with weighted/bonus points. The weighted point system is as follows:

- 5 points- AP classes
- 3 points- Gifted/Honors/Accelerated

Students with an overall GPA of 95 or higher earn the Honors Graduate with Distinction status at the end of the first semester of senior year. Students with an academic GPA of 90 - 94 earn the Honor Graduate status at the end of the first semester of senior year.

REMINDERS

October 4th - 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 info 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.

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

CLASS OF 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY
September	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
September 30	Senior Class Trip, 1st payment due (\$75 - non refundable)
September/ October TBA	Senior Group Photo
October 4	FAFSA- GA Student Finance Workshop for parents & students Senior Parent College & Financial Planning Workshop.
October 4	PROBE College Fair (Field trip) - \$10 (Professional dress)
October 10 - 14, 17	FALL BREAK HOLIDAY!
October 18	Herff Jones Senior Class Meeting - 9:00 a.m.
October 24	Cap & Gown Ordering begins - Lunchroom visit
October	REPORT CARDS ISSUED
October 28	Senior Dues Deadline for First Installment (minimum \$50; Total= \$150)
October 21	SENIOR NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME
November 1 – 30	GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH- TIME TO DO YOUR APPLICATIONS!!!! Specific activities calendar will be shared at a later date. Check your school email.
November - TBA	ASVAB
November 4	Senior Class Trip - 2nd payment due (\$125)
November 21 - 25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

DATE	ACTIVITY
December 2	Herff Jones Final Cap & Gown Ordering during lunches: deadline for changes and cancellations with HERFF JONES
December 16	Deadline For Senior Yearbook Inclusions- Senior Ads, Quotes, Baby Pictures, etc.
December 16	END OF 2 nd NINE WEEKS/ FIRST SEMESTER
December 19 – January 3	WINTER HOLIDAY
January 4	BEGIN 2 ND SEMESTER
January 5	FIRST SEMESTER REPORT CARDS ISSUED
January 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
January 27	Senior Trip payment due (\$150)
February	PROGRESS REPORTS ISSUED
February 14	ASVAB
February 20	STUDENT HOLIDAY / TEACHER WORK DAY
February TBA	Parent Financial Aid Night – Media Center

March 10	Senior Trip - Final payment due (\$100)
February - TBD	Financial Aid and March Math-Ness Night
March	REPORTS CARDS ISSUED
March 31	Senior Dues Deadline for 3 rd & Final Payment (\$50 or remaining balance)
April 3-7	SPRING BREAK
April 12	Herff Jones CAP & GOWN Delivery
April - TBA	PCHS Prom
May 1-12	AP Exam Administration
May 5-7	SENIOR TRIP (Orlando, Florida)
May 8	Senior Honors Program at 6:00 p.m.
TBD	Honor Grad with Distinction Luncheon
May 15	Underclassmen Honors Program at 6:00 p.m.
TBD	LAST DAY OF CLASSES FOR 2022 SENIORS- ALL coursework should also be completed by this date
May 19	Graduates on Parade & Senior Fun Day
TBD	Graduation Practice at 8:30 a.m. ALL MANDATORY SENIOR FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY MAY 1st
May 27	GRADUATION CEREMONY AT 9:00 A.M. Graduating Seniors Report To Gym at 8:00 a.m.
June 3	Final Transcripts Mailed Out

NOTATION REGARDING GRADUATION ATTIRE

NO DECORATED CAPS! – There will be a \$20 replacement fee for all decorated or altered caps!
 Female Attire: Dress or skirt, Black shoes or sandals (NO TENNIS SHOES OR SLIDES ALLOWED)
 Male Attire: Black dress slacks, white dress shirt, Black dress shoes (NO TENNIS SHOES OR SLIDES ALLOWED)

Graduation contract and permission form for Senior Week will be given out May 1st

Last Name A-G: Mrs. Fella

Last Name H-O: Ms. Caldwell

Last Name P-Z: Ms. Norris



**** Dates and Events Subject to Change****