

A note from the counseling office

Class of 2019

Welcome to your SENIOR year!



Dear Squires,

It is time to prepare for your senior year. Although the list of to-do's may seem long, the steps to prepare for life after high school can be rewarding and exciting. The fall of your senior year can bring up many questions and tasks as you prepare for a future career, perhaps by applying to colleges, trade schools, or other training programs. My office is a place you can come to ask questions and get help with this process! This note outlines some of the important details coming this fall. **Please read carefully** and reach out to me with any additional questions. Take peace in knowing your journey forward has been beautifully designed; you are just embarking on the path that God has planned for you. The coming days and months will be busy, but it is my hope that they will also be fun and exciting. At times you might feel overwhelmed or anxious. Rest assured that God is with you through the hills and valleys and I am also here to support you!

Schedules - We want your schedule to be one of rigor and relevance and work hard to make that happen. Please contact me if you have any concerns regarding your schedule.

ACT/SAT - Most colleges require ACT/SAT scores to be **submitted prior to November 1** for applications and scholarships. If you are looking to take one last assessment prior to official application or to increase your chances for scholarships, please register soon. Most colleges are accepting either an ACT or an SAT score for admittance and scholarships. To register follow these links.

[Register for ACT by Aug 12/Sept 28](#)

[Register for the SAT by Sept 7](#)

Colleges require your ACT or SAT scores be sent to them directly from the reporting center. Calvin Christian does not have electronic access to send your scores. Please use these links to send your scores to the colleges of your choice.

[How to send my SAT Score to College](#)

[How to send my ACT score to College](#)

College Applications - This year I will be working with seniors on their college applications. It is very important to start the process early with the goal of application completion before Thanksgiving break. Please give me and your additional recommenders 7-10 days to complete our section of your applications, so be sure to send the recommenders their paperwork with

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plenty of advanced notice before the deadline. I will be meeting individually with all seniors in the months of September and October where we will go over your individual needs.



College Visits - If you have not yet visited the college campuses where you are applying for admission, we encourage you to schedule a visit early this fall! You can visit the college website(s) and sign up for fall tours today! Please complete the college visit form found in the office and return it to Mrs. Betten for an excused absence.

Transcripts - Colleges are asking that all transcripts be sent electronically. We use a system called [Parchment](#) to upload and send all HS transcripts to receiving colleges. Mr. Timmer will be sending you information regarding Parchment early in September. Please use Parchment for all your transcript needs. Colleges much prefer electronic submission over snail mail! Please email Mrs. Betten for any transcript request that cannot be made via Parchment

Job Shadows - It is never too late to sign up for a job shadow. Senior year is a great time to explore where you are being called to serve in life after high school. Use these links to register for job shadow possibilities in the county, or see Mr. Vander Wal for further exploration. We will also have a shadow day this year for students that are not on music tour.

[Shadow Day - updated info coming](#)
[Health Career Immersion](#)
[Talk and Tour Various Careers Available](#)

Financial Aid/Scholarships -

PLEASE JOIN US: An evening of learning about the FAFSA, Scholarship Application and more. A Calvin College financial aid rep will be here to share insight.

Parent/Student Scholarship Financial Aid Seminar: September 10 at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons at the High School.

Please visit the [website](#) for additional scholarship information. I will be meeting one-on-one with each senior to review this process in the fall. Our scholarship list will be updated as 2018-2019 information comes in. Currently you can view the posts from last year as many will be very similar. Most updates come in late fall.