

Ahead of the Game

Senior Year Planning Assignment

Congratulations you are about to be a senior. Over the summer you need to start thinking about what you want to do after high school. Even though you have another year to go, there are several things that you can do before next fall to be ready. By completing these tasks you will have a smoother entrance into your senior year, and jump-start your planning for life after Kell High School.

First, identify what path you plan to take after high school (4 year college, 2 year college, Military, Workforce). Second, review the tasks below that path and complete them by July 10th. Third, email your completed tasks to Mrs. Bullock at Valerie.Bullock@cobbk12.org by the July 10th deadline.

Four Year College or University Path

Submit a list of your top 5 schools and other items, the Senior Biography (either scan to submit or type responses in a Word document), your Personal Essay and your GAFutures login information by July 10th via email to Valerie.Bullock@cobbk12.org.

1. List of Top 5 Schools:

Make a list of the top 5 schools you have already researched and plan to apply to in the fall. With the list, include both their scholarship and application deadline, as well as the items needed to complete the application (transcript, recommendations, etc.)

2. Senior Biography:

The Senior Biography is used to help counselors and teachers write your recommendation for college admission and scholarship purposes. Provide detailed information as the more insight you provide, the better the recommendation. The biography is attached to this email and/or handout.

3. Personal Essay:

Most colleges and many scholarships will require an essay. Since many of the essays have similar themes, we believe that if a student is able to create at least one solid essay, that essay can be tweaked and used multiple times. With that, select one of the essay prompts and respond. These essay prompts are from the Common Application 2017-2018 essay prompts.

Personal Essay Prompts

I. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

II. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

4. GA Futures ID:

If you have not done so already, go to www.GAFutures.org and create a username and password. Some of the information you can find on GAFutures include: college planning, career exploration, scholarship searches.

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Technical Schools or Two Year Programs Path

Submit a list of your top 3 schools and other items, Senior Biography (either scan to submit or type responses in a Word document), and your GAFutures login information by July 10th via email to Valerie.Bullock@cobbk12.org.

1. List of Top 3 Schools

Make a list of the top 5 schools you have already researched and plan to apply to in the fall. With the list, include both their scholarship and application deadline, as well as the items needed to complete the application (transcript, recommendations, etc.)

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Entrance to Workforce Path

Submit a copy of your resume, and your GAFutures login information by July 10th via email to Valerie.Bullock@cobbk12.org.

1. Create a resume:

Go to www.myfuture.com to create a resume. The resume builder is located at the bottom left of the home page, under "Find a Career". You may use that template or create a resume on your own.

2. GA Futures ID:

If you have not done so already, go to www.GAFutures.org and create a username and password. Some of the things you can do on GAFutures include: career exploration and assessment

Entrance to Military Path

Submit your name and the branch of the military to plan to pursue July 10th via email to Valerie.Bullock@cobbk12.org.

1. Research Military Branches:

Go to www.todaymilitary.com to research the various branches. Click on Joining Research and Planning at the top of the home page. Click on Entrance Requirements. Scroll to the middle of the page and click on and watch the Entrance Requirement videos. Once you've watched the videos, scroll down the same page, under Resources, click on Contact a Recruiter. This will take you to the phone numbers of the various branches and provide a list of questions to ask the recruiter.