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Coffee with the Counselors

Welcome families of the Class of 2018!

Graduation Requirements

- **26 Credits**
- **Handout on the table**
- **You can also visit the SCPS website**

https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/_resources/documents/10th-grade.pdf

Letters & Transcripts

- **Letters of recommendation should be requested early. It takes time to write them.**
- **Transcripts can be requested and ordered by visiting buildings 1, 7 & 8.**

Bright Futures & Scholarships

- **Qualified students will complete application in October with the counselors.**
- **It is best to finish requirements early (by December).**
- **Scholarship Room open September 13th during both lunches.**
- **Requirements are listed on handout on the table or online.**
- **Julie Hyde- Scholarship & Senior Page**

Volunteer Service Program

- **New Requirements/Expectations**
- **Students having ALREADY submitted hours & application may continue.**
- **Current Seniors must submit VSWL PRIOR to May 1st, 2018 to be considered for Florida Bright Futures.**

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- **Why change? In 2016 Florida Legislature adopted new changes to the Bright Futures requirements.**
- **Students must now identify a civic issue or a professional area of interest.**
- **Students must have the plan approved PRIOR to earning any hours.**

Important Dates

- **Be sure to grab a copy of the calendar!**
 - **August 25th – September 1st Senior Credit Checks**
 - **September 13th – Scholarship Room Opens**
 - **September 13th – College & Career Expo**
 - **October 24th – Bright Futures Registration on Campus**
 - **November 9th – ASVAB**
 - **November 16th – Financial Aid Lab Night**
 - **December – End of Semester**
- *More dates included on calendar**

Timeline What and when?

- **There is a copy of this on the table.**
- **Consider reviewing each month ahead of time.**
- **Be aware of deadlines.**
- **See your counselor if you need help or have questions.**

Important Reminders

- **Attendance counts! Make sure to have notes from doctors, universities, etc.**
- **The WHOLE year matters.**
- **Stay on top of deadlines and due dates. They ALWAYS sneak up on you if you don't.**
- **If you don't know, ASK!**

Finishing Strong

- **Maintain best grades possible.**
- **Every credit counts!**
- **Universities require that we send mid-year and final transcripts. They don't want to see surprises, don't give them any!**
- **Yes, Senior year should be fun, but it is important that your child stay focused on the goal.**
- **Communicate early if there is a problem.**

Students as their own Advocates

- **Colleges/universities/employers will not speak to anyone but the student about their grades or even Financial Aid.**
- **Use Senior year as a time to start pushing your child to be his/her own advocate with teachers, counselors and coaches.**
- **Help your child to learn professional and appropriate communication skills to use with adults.**
- **It is painful to watch but it is necessary and critical to their development as a young adult.**

Monitor Your Social Media Presence

Monitoring your child's social media presence is a new necessity.

Photos don't have to depict illegal activity in order to be viewed negatively.

Universities are rescinding admissions based on photos/posts made by students.

Potential employers are viewing candidates social media accounts.

The moral of the story- even if they think it is private it can and WILL be found.

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