

COLLEGE PLANNING AND RESOURCES AT FAITH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

PSAT – October 12th at 8:15 a.m. – This preliminary test to the SAT is required for all 10th and 11th graders. The cost is \$15.00 - the check is made payable to Faith Christian Academy. Payment is due by Thursday, October 8th. This test gives the students an idea of what they would score on the SAT; it also qualifies 11th graders for the National Merit Scholarship program. Once students have taken the test they can have access to My Road – a career planning program online. **THIS PSAT test is the revised version.** We do make this test available to homeschool families as well.

SAT – The SAT is scheduled at various times throughout the year. This test evaluates critical reading, math, and writing. The test fee is \$49.00 and you can register online at www.collegeboard.com. Students should take this test in their 11th and 12th grade year. Students may take the test as often as they wish. Some colleges use this as part of its entrance requirement and others use it as placement. This test is scheduled at area high schools.

ACT – The ACT is another test that many colleges accept as a college entrance exam. Some students perform better on the ACT because it tends to be more geared to achievement. The ACT tests four areas: math, English, science, and social studies. The cost of this test is \$34.00 without the writing and \$49.50 with the writing. This test is scheduled throughout the year as well at local high schools.

College Resources – FCA has a variety of college and scholarship materials available in the conference room next to Mrs. Moore's office. We have information on the SAT, ACT, and the PSAT for the current year. There is also a file of scholarships which students can apply for – some are local and some are at the national level. We have another file of information from various colleges. We have shelves designated for Liberty University as well as local colleges. There are many local scholarships available including a lot of money from tobacco – so check out all your options – every little bit does help.

Liberty EDGE dual credit program – Students who have a minimum grade point average of 3.2 may take dual credit, online college courses in their junior and senior years of high school. The students must take the pre-assessment to qualify, and then may begin with ENG 101 and 102 or NT or OT courses. All courses must be pre-approved for high school credit. Only certain courses will be permitted to take the place of FCA high school courses. Parents are responsible for the additional cost of these courses. Students must enroll online through Liberty Online and then have their transcripts sent to FCA upon completion of the courses.

CVCC – Faith Christian Academy has an agreement with Central Virginia Community College (CVCC) that students who qualify may take college level courses and receive both high school and college credit for these courses. These courses will transfer to most colleges. We will need to verify the course number and check with the college where the student is planning to attend to determine acceptance of this course. Students must be 16 years old, make a qualifying score on the Compass Test at CVCC, and have a letter from the principal in order to enroll in these courses.

AP Classes – Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are now available online. Virtual Virginia has established numerous Advanced Placement courses online. You can go to www.virtualvirginia.org and look at the course listings. These courses are very rigorous and use a college text as its sources. However, many competitive colleges look for these courses on the transcripts since it signifies a rigorous academic curriculum. The online courses have designated teachers whom students have access to through phone or e-mail. Students are expected to take the AP test at the end of the course. These tests are scored on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest. Many colleges/universities take qualifying scores either for placement or in lieu of a college course. The scores of acceptance (whether it is a 3, 4, or 5) are dependent on each institution of high education.

Vocational Tech – Students may participate in a Voc Tech program through Pittsylvania County as long as they meet the academic course requirements at Faith Christian and can coordinate it with their schedule during their senior year.

RENWEB – Faith Christian Academy's online management program allows students and parents to be involved more with their education. Students and parents can access their grades, homework and review future lesson plans in order to gain the most out of their education. Grades are available online as soon as a teacher records it in his/her gradebook. Teachers are accessible by e-mail as well as by phone. **The school's ID is FCA-VA.**

NCAA – If you are a student athlete who might qualify for a scholarship through an NCAA Division I school, you must register with the NCAA clearinghouse and must meet the core course requirements along with a minimum SAT score. Talk with Mrs. Moore if you would like to register with the clearinghouse.

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