

## 'HOW - TO' Edition

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Remind Code for Seniors 2018: Text @dg8784 to 81010

*Mrs. Osborn, Senior Counselor*

### NOTICE!!!

Each Senior and their parent/guardian are required to set a Graduation Plan Meeting with Mrs. Osborn. Schedule your Graduation Plan Meeting TODAY by calling Ms. Marano, Counseling Secretary, @ 706-748-2770.

➡ How to **TRANSCRIPT REQUEST**: Transcript request forms are located in the counseling office. If you need a transcript for a college or scholarship stop by to fill out a form and Ms. Marano will process the request. Also, Now Available, Electronic Transcript Requests to GA colleges, through GA Futures. Access your account today on [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org) to submit your request.

➡ How to **REQUEST SAT/ACT WAIVERS**: Every student at Hardaway is eligible for free lunch. This allows each Junior and Senior to receive up to 2 waivers for the SAT and 2 waivers for the ACT. Go to the Counseling Office to fill out the request form. Waivers are typically ready for pick up by the next school day.

➡ How to **SIGN UP for SAT/ACT**: Signing up for the SAT or ACT is done on your own. You go to the testing website listed below, create an account, and register for the test date and location of your choice. If you have difficulties with registering see Mrs. Osborn for assistance.

~ SAT = [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

~ ACT = [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

➡ How to **FAFSA** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*): The 2018-2019 FAFSA application is open on OCTOBER 1st and now uses your parent/guardian's prior tax year data for processing. Go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

# Senior Newsletter

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➡ How to for **COLLEGE APPLICATION FEE WAIVERS**: Any student who has taken the SAT will receive 4 College Application Fee Waivers through their college board account. Visit your college board account today to use your waivers!

➡ How to for **FUTURE COLLEGE ATHLETES**: All students playing sports in college must register with the NCAA clearinghouse. To register go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). NCAA offers a fee waiver for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Once you create your profile on [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) let Mrs. Osborn know and the fee waiver will be processed online. It takes 5-7 business days to process.

➡ How to **HOPE**: HOPE is processed from your very final transcript in June after you graduate. Remember that HOPE only calculates the gpa based on academic courses. There is only gpa weight of .5 given for AP/IB courses. If your gpa is sitting close to a 3.0 you may be on the border of not qualifying. If you don't qualify for HOPE as a college freshman, HOPE eligibility will be reevaluated at 30 semester college hours (roughly 3 college semesters of full time classes). If you maintain As and Bs in your college course work you may qualify for HOPE at the 30 semester reevaluation period. You can find your current HOPE gpa at [www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org).

➡ **College Applications!** Start your college applications now! If you are a student with a strong gpa you may be eligible to apply for academic scholarships through the college but you don't have access until you apply. Don't wait to apply because you haven't taken your SAT or ACT. Colleges give you time to get your required documentation to them before making a decision. Make sure you pay attention to important application deadlines set by each individual college you put in an application.

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### Important Upcoming Dates

GA Southern Fall Preview Nite—September 12th—6:30p till 8p—Brookstone School

GA Probe College Fair—September 25th—6p till 8p—Columbus State University

ASVAB @ HHS—October 11th—Senior Sign ups will open October 1st

University of Georgia Early Action Application Deadline—October 15th

Georgia Tech Early Action Application Deadline—October 15th

Auburn University Early Action Application Deadline—October 15th