

Hillcrest Christian School

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Community Service Requirement

All seniors should have gotten a print-out from Mrs. Massey which lists the total number of community service hours which you have turned in toward your graduation requirement. Remember that **you must complete 10 hours of community service for each year of high school during which you attend Hillcrest in order to receive your diploma.** And, if you're thinking that you don't really need "that piece of paper anyway," be aware that **HCS will not send complete transcripts to colleges or to employers until ALL graduation requirements are fulfilled.**

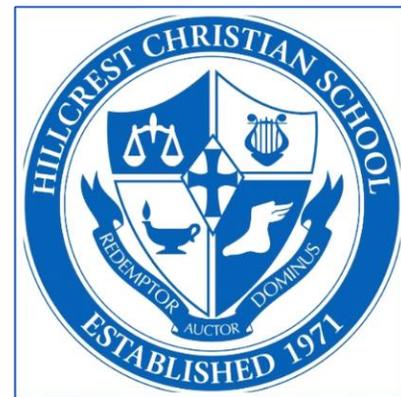
Please don't wait; senior year is already busy enough without adding unnecessary stress. There are PLENTY of opportunities during the Christmas holidays when you can help others. Just remember to ask someone – not a relative or friend – to sign a form when you complete your service, and turn it in to Mrs. Massey as soon as possible.



ACT Prep Workshops at HCS

Have you noticed the flyers around campus for the ACT workshops offered by Mrs. Lasseter, with the help of Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Massey? If your ACT score is not yet what you want (or need) it to be, these workshops offer numerous tips and strategies which may help you improve and boost your score. Plus, they are offered in an environment and by teachers you're comfortable with, AND they are a lot less expensive than other ACT Prep programs.

Stop by Mrs. Lasseter's classroom for more information, and don't allow this opportunity to pass you by!



Upcoming Events

December 14

Semester Exams, ½ days of school

December 20

Christmas Break begins!

January 3

Back to School

NEED TO GET YOUR ACT SCORE UP?

The ACT is offered only 2 more times before graduation.

The deadline to register for the **February 9th** test is Friday, January 11th.

The deadline to register for the **April 13th** test is Friday, March 8th.

Hillcrest will give the ACT in the high school building on both of these dates.

Avoiding “Senioritis”

It happens every year. High school seniors try to balance extracurriculars, a social life, college admission, and maybe even a part-time job. Somewhere along the way, homework begins to seem less important; then, once college acceptance letters arrive, high school itself feels like a burden, and grades begin to slide. These symptoms are collectively known as “Senioritis,” and if you aren’t careful, it can put your future plans at risk.

Poor academic performance may cause colleges to take back their offers of admission, place you on academic probation (meaning, you have to take courses for which you get NO credit), or change financial aid packages.

Follow these tips to stay on track:

Plan ahead. You probably already know which activities you'll be involved in, and you know that college application deadlines are coming up. A calendar or planner can help keep track of all your obligations, and show you that there is still plenty of time for fun with friends. Write down all of your deadlines, for applications, papers, tests, and so on. Then make note of other activities, such as your sports schedule, band rehearsals, ACT test days, or college visits.

Map out what you have to do. To complete that English paper, when should you begin working on it? If you have a big game the night before the due date, plan to finish the paper a few days ahead of time.

Don't overload your schedule with extracurricular activities just to impress colleges. You don't have time for that. Do the things you love, and drop activities that you're not all that committed to.

Talk about it. Are you worried about leaving high school? Stressed about the college admission process? Excited for college and “adulting”? Useful people to talk to are your friends (who are going through the same things you are), your parents, your school counselor, and other adults whom you respect.

Finally, enjoy yourself. You'll only be a high school senior once (Hopefully!). Take advantage of all the fun activities planned, and spend time with your classmates before everyone goes his or her separate way.

With a little bit of work now, you can avoid stress and the harmful effects of “Senioritis,” and you will finish your senior year strong.

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Want a Senior Page in the Yearbook?

Let Mrs. Browning know BEFORE CHRISTMAS to reserve your place. Price is \$125 for a full page. **The deadline for a deposit of \$25 is December 19.** The remaining balance is due by February 28, 2019. These deadlines will NOT be extended. If you do not provide the necessary information and pictures by the due date, your money will be refunded and you will not have a page.

Also, **you MUST have your formal portrait taken at Bruckner's to be included in the composite** photo which hangs in Hillcrest's halls. You don't have to use that photo in the yearbook and may take formals and casuals with another photographer if you prefer. If you use another photographer, please provide the yearbook staff with a copy of the photo you would like to use no later than March 1.