

9th GRADE ORIENTATION

Let's get going.

Who do you need to know?

- Principal: Mr. Gunes
- Assistant Principals:
Mrs. Colandrea and Mr. Avsar
- Registrar/Principal's Secretary: Mrs. Bond
- Office Secretary: Ms. Curry
- School Counselor: Ms. Gaudette (hey, that's me!)
- 9th Grade Class Advisor: Mr. Bevard

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **English: 4 credits**
- **Mathematics: 3 credits, 4 Years of High School Math (Algebra 1 → Geometry → Algebra 2 → fourth course and more)**
- **Social Studies: 3 credits (US History, Government, and World History)**
- **Science: 3 credits (Biology → Biogeochemical or Chemistry Honors → Environmental Science or Physics or AP Science)**
- **Fine Arts: 1 credit (Drama, Piano, Art 1, or Music Survey)**
- **Technology Credit: 1 Credit (FOT or INT1010 for ITEC)**
- **Personal Fitness: ½ credit**
- **Health: ½ credit**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- 2 years of the SAME foreign language
- A minimum of 4 credits earned in your senior year
 - At CMIT, juniors and seniors are given full 8-credit schedules and can drop courses based only on their job/internship and Dual Enrollment schedules
- A total of 21 credits are required for Graduation.
- A total of 24 service hours are also required.



PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Grade 9 to Grade 10**

- Must have 5 credits by end of year
 - Must include 1 English

- **Grade 10 to Grade 11**

- Must have 10 credits by end of year
 - Must include: 2 English, 1 Mathematics, 1 Science, and 1 Social Studies

- **Grade 11 to Grade 12**

- **Must have 14 credits by end of year**
 - Must include: 3 English, 2 Mathematics, 1 Science, 1 Social Studies
 - AND be able to fulfill all graduation requirements within a full Senior Year Schedule

SERVICE LEARNING

- You MUST complete **24 Student Service Learning Hours** in order to graduate.
- All SSL must be done with **nonprofit and/or tax exempt** organizations - you cannot get service hours for paid work or for volunteer work done at a for-profit business
- All hours have to be completed **outside of your scheduled school hours**

****Forms can be found at Ms. Gaudette's office and on the CMIT Website****

SchoolMax

- **Family Access Portal allows you and your parents to log-in from any computer with an Internet connection and view student information**
 - Students can view assignment scores as teachers post them each week
 - Students can also see their attendance records
- **If you are ever having issues with a SchoolMax account that was working previously, go to to IDM.PGCPS.ORG to reset your password.**
- **Parents can also create their own account by registering through the PGCPS website under the PARENT tab**
- **Important: Now that you are in high school, it is YOUR responsibility to know what your grades are - it is not just on your parents to know how you are doing**

SCHOOL COUNSELING **DEPARTMENT FUNCTIONS**

- **Counseling students in academic, college and career readiness, personal and socioemotional**
- **Keeper of your transcripts - transcript requests go through Ms. Gaudette**
- **Scheduling/Withdrawal of Students for their classes and making sure that students meet their graduation requirements**
- **Schedule Parent Teacher Conferences with all stakeholders (parents, students, admin, teachers, etc.)**
- **Ensuring that college application materials are ready to go! (and writing ALL seniors a recommendation letter)**

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT **FUNCTIONS (continued)**

- **Annual review of records (credit evaluations)**
- **Completion of 4-year plans with students**
- **Classroom activities (orientations and other lessons)**
- **Special programs (College Knowledge Retreats, College Trips, Information Sessions, etc.)**

TIPS FOR CLASSROOM SUCCESS

- **Get to know your teachers...they're people too**
- **Be interested in learning or at least find something interesting in what you learn**
- **Take good notes and study for tests and quizzes**
- **Turn your assignments in on time - CMIT has a no late work policy**
- **Ask questions when you do not understand something**
- **Check School Max regularly**

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED HELP

- Evaluate your own performance and identify your strengths and weaknesses
- Seek assistance from your teacher and schedule more study time
- Get a study partner that excels in the class
- Be responsible for your own success
- Consider getting a tutor
- Meet with your School Counselor

TYPES OF COLLEGES

- **Two-Year Colleges (i.e. Prince George's Community College)**
- **Four Year Colleges and Universities (i.e. Loyola College Maryland, University of Maryland, College Park)**
- **Military Academies (i.e. Air Force Academy)**
- **Trade Schools (IIT Tech, Cosmetology School)**

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- **When is the best time to begin preparing for college?**
- **What are colleges looking for? What do they see?**
 - Good grades in challenging courses
 - Student involvement in activities/work
 - Teacher/Counselor recommendations
 - SAT/ACT scores
- **What type of career are you looking for? What are you interested in? What are you good at?**
 - Do activities related to your career field of interest
 - Take career assessments!

COLLEGE PREPARATION

- **Select advanced level courses that will prepare you for college (i.e. Honors, AP and Dual Enrollment)**
- **Go online and check admission requirements for colleges you are interested in (online application, application fees, essays, recommendations, testing and transcript requirements)**
- **Become involved in school and community extracurricular activities - less is more if you have leadership experiences**
- **Visit Ms. Gaudette and read the CMIT Newsletter**
- **Explore volunteer and summer opportunities**

USEFUL RESOURCES

- **College Greenlight**

- **College Search**
- **Admissions Data**
- **Scholarship Search**

- **Naviance**

- **Keep track of Resume Items**
- **Career Profiles**
- **Send transcripts/letters of Rec to Colleges**

PSAT/SAT/ACT Tests

- **Tests for scholarship and college entrance usually measure:**
 - Critical reading skills
 - Math problem-solving skills
 - Writing skills
- **Students in 9th, 10th & 11th can take the PSAT at school**
 - 11th Grade PSATs: NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP
- **Students in 11th and 12th grade register online at collegeboard.com to take the SAT**
- **Students in 11th and 12th grade register online at actstudent.org to take the ACT**

CMIT Website Resources

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YEAR BY YEAR PLANNING GUIDES

9th Grade

- **Create a plan** for high school. Take rigorous courses and make sure you know how you are going to meet all of your graduation requirements. Challenge yourself. Set goals (both short-term and long-term) so that you can obtain the GPA you need to get accepted to colleges you are interested in.
- Consider questions like “What type of career do I want?” or “What skills do I want to use in my profession?” and **think about what steps you need to**

CAN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS?

- How many credits do you need to graduate?
- How many credits and which class(es) do you need for promotion to 10th grade?
- How many Student Service Hours do you need to graduate?
- What do colleges look for in a prospective student?
- What does Ms. Gaudette help you with?

Post-Presentation Action Items

1. **Students should email Ms. Gaudette to get their personal SchoolMax Login - they shouldn't just be using their parents login information**
2. **Students should email Ms. Gaudette to set up their Naviance Account - she will send the login information for that to students once they email her**
3. **Students should set up their College Greenlight account and be sure to link their account to CMIT Academy North as well as select Ms. Gaudette as their counselor for their Account**
4. **Students may email Ms. Gaudette with any questions they have following this presentation!**

Questions?