

COLLEGE & CAREER NEWSLETTER

October 14, 2024

GRADES 9-12

Service Learning

Service learning experiences involve students in authentic services to their communities. These experiences enable students to learn and apply academic, social, and personal skills to improve the community, continue individual growth, and develop a lifelong ethic of service.

Students must use x2VOL to get credit for their service learning hours. **Seniors** who complete 40 hours during grades 9-12 are eligible to wear a black Service Learning cord at graduation. Those hours must be logged by April 25, 2025. *Students are still able to earn a diploma in the Commonwealth of Virginia without completing service hours.*

x2Vol is available in [Naviance](#) > Careers tab > x2Vol. There is additional information on the Madison website [here](#) and also in Schoology for students [here](#), **including the verification and approval process for service hours. If you have hours that haven't been verified in a timely manner, those hours will not be approved by Madison HS unless you take additional steps.**

FCPS College Fair | October 20 | 4-6pm EagleBank Arena | [Details & Register here](#)

FCPS Two-Night Postsecondary Event | 10/21 & 10/22 | Virtual Sessions | [Details here](#)

Learn how to be better prepared for the next chapter of your education journey. All sessions will be hosted as a Zoom webinar; registration NOT required to attend. Sessions will be recorded and posted for viewing.

Monday 10/21

5pm Paying for College OR Exploring Naviance

6pm AP, IB, and DE in FCPS OR Considerations for Students with Disabilities in High School vs. College

7pm Standardized Testing

Tuesday 10/22

5pm Scholarship 101 OR NOVA: Community College College Option

6pm Are you Common App Ready? OR NOVA: La Opcion del Colegio Comunitario

7pm: NOVA - Certificate & Workforce Development Programs



GRADE 12

zero fees

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FREE College Application Weeks

Bowling Green State University (OH): October 11-October 31 with code "BGSU"

East Carolina University (NC): October 21-27, must apply through the ECU application (not Common App)

Kent State (OH): October 1-November 1
No code needed, students will bypass the payment screen.

SUNY Binghamton (NY): October 21-November 3

University of Mary Washington (VA) Application Fee Waiver Code: UMW1908

Explore 525 FREE to apply colleges: commonapp.org/explore and under the filter "Application for first-year students" select "Charges no application fee"

GRADES 11-12



ASVAB | Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

Register by November 18 [HERE](#)



The ASVAB is required for military enlistment, but is also a career exploration program that includes an aptitude test and interest assessment to help guide you with careers and jobs that might be of interest to you.

The ASVAB will be given at Madison High School on December 4, 2024. The ASVAB test will begin at 8:30am and will take approximately 3 hours. There is no fee to take this test. Students should arrive by 8:10am to Madison HS. The ASVAB is open for students in grades 11 and 12.

Register [here](#) by November 18.

Free online ASVAB testing information is available at www.asvabprogram.com
For questions, email Mrs. Otto at lmotto@fcps.edu

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Upcoming Due Dates

10/18: [Presidential Scholars](#) (12th)

10/18: [DAR](#) (12th)

10/18: [HOBY](#) (10th)

10/25: [Peace Award](#) (9th-12th)

11/8: [Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program](#) (11th)

[Schoolology](#), Student Services Course
and/or your Class Course, for more!



College Visits to Madison HS

College visits are in full swing and Madison is hosting 142 college admission visits this fall. Juniors and seniors may attend visit, details in [Schoolology](#) > Class of 2025 or Class of 2026 Course Updates

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Reminder

Scholarships & Enrichment Programs (updated weekly) in Schoology Student Services Updates and in Naviance

UPCOMING EVENTS | OTHER

- October 15: **Paying for College for Seniors**, Virtual Event, 7-8:30pm, register [here](#)
 - October 15: **Navy** recruiter in the cafeteria during all lunches
 - October 17: **Virginia National Guard** recruiter in the cafeteria during all lunches
 - October 20: **FCPS College Fair at EagleBank Arena**, details and register [here](#)
 - October 21 & 22: **FCPS Postsecondary Virtual Nights**, details and register [here](#)
 - October 22: **Mastery Transcript Consortium (MTC) Virtual College Fair**, details [here](#)
 - October 26: **Paying for College for Seniors**, Virtual Event, 10-11:30am, register [here](#)
 - October 29: **Scholarship 101** Virtual Event, 7-8:30am, register [here](#)
 - November 7: **HBCU College Fair** (field trip), details & sign up [here](#) by October 28
 - December 16: **NOVA Information Session**, details & sign up [here](#)
 - November 9: **Alfred Street HBCU College Fair**, details & register [here](#) by November 7
 - November 19: **Air Force ROTC Scholarship** presentation, sign up [here](#)
 - December 4: **ASVAB** at Madison HS, details & sign up [here](#) by November 18
 - January 28: **FCPS Gap Year Fair**, 6-8:30pm at Marshall High School, details coming soon
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- **Level Up Virginia** for postsecondary planning
 - **Naviance** college and career planning, weekly scholarship & enrichment program updates, Madison specific college data, Academic & Career Plan & more!
 - **Preparing for College Guide & Workbook** (Spanish version coming soon)
 - **College Access Fairfax** for financial aid resources, appointments to meet virtually with a financial aid champion, scholarship opportunities
 - **Tigbee Career Exploration Series**, details [here](#) in Schoology
 - **Belong Vienna College Career Success Coach Program**, details [here](#) & interest form [here](#)
 - **FairTest**: Listing of test free/test optional institutions - be sure to verify the information on the individual college or university website.
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- Scholarships and enrichment programs are updated weekly by FCPS in Naviance and also posted for students in Schoology > Student Services Course Updates

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