

Christian Academy of Indiana

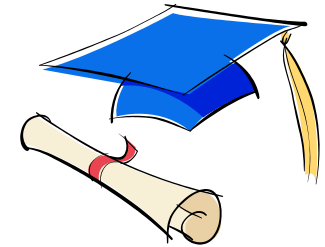
Senior Orientation

IMMUNIZATIONS

- Meningitis booster is required – 2 doses of the MCV4 vaccine (meningitis vaccine) and 2 doses of Hepatitis A, separated by 6 calendar months, is required for all 12th graders. The Men B vaccine or Meningococcal B vaccine is NOT YET required, but is recommended.
- The school nurse will need a copy of the immunization record immediately upon the start of school.

If you have questions contact the school nurse at ldriver@caschools.us or ext. 5021.

Graduation Orders



- Herff Jones will come to CAI to take orders in September.
- Every senior **MUST** have a cap, gown and tassel. The cost is approximately \$55. There is a price increase if ordered after December 1.
- Parents may order announcements on-line at www.graduateserviceinc.com throughout the fall and winter. Order these before January in order to guarantee delivery for mailing.

Senior Pictures

- Senior pictures are due by **Thanksgiving** in order to be included in the year book.
- Formal shot
- Professional head and shoulders pose
- Modest dress





Community Service Hours

- 60 hours required for graduation.
- Students must not receive payment for this work, and work may not be done for direct family members.
- Up to half of the hours may be served in a student's local church setting, but at least half must be served in a community or missions setting.
- Forms available on counselor's page of website

Senior Hoodies

- Design submitted in August to kholloway@caschools.us



Senior Retreat

- A Thursday and Friday in late August
- Lakeview Ministries in Seymour, IN
- Cost approximately \$100
 - Fun
 - Introspection
 - Goal setting
 - Spiritual growth/Challenging

Senior Trip



- Senior Trip is the first week in April
- The cost is approximately \$900.
- Students may earn credit by working fundraisers which are organized by Senior Sponsors and Senior Parents.



Factors to Consider for Senior Year

- Senior year is not the time to slack off.
- Take a challenging class load with solid academic classes to prepare for college.
- Finish Strong!

Graduation Requirements

- Core 40
- Academic Honors

Diploma requirements are on the CAI website

<http://caschools.us/scheduling-indiana>



Dual Credit Courses

- AP English Lit. & Comp.
- AP English Lang. & Comp.
- AP Computer Science A
- AP US History
- Honors Spanish III
- Computer Science I
- Honors Spanish IV

At the end of the year request that your Ivy Tech transcript be sent to your college

COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

- PRAY! Following the Lord's leading is most important.

James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

- Engage in family discussion.
- Make a list of what you are looking for in a college (Degree programs, size, distance, public/Christian).
- College Board Search & Comparison

Naviance

Transcripts will be sent through Naviance.

- Go to <https://student.naviance.com/cai> to request your transcript.
- Naviance is also integrated with the Common Application
- Career and interest surveys also available

College Admissions

CHOOSING A COLLEGE



-Search the internet

-Do comparisons

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

and www.collegeview.com/collegesearch

-Visit the campus

-Attend college fairs in the fall

-Attend preview days sponsored by the college
for potential students

-Speak with college reps who visit CAI – approx. 35

-Narrow choices down to 2-5 schools

College Admissions

TESTING

- Application information and test dates for SAT and ACT can be found in the counseling office or online.

ACT- www.actstudent.org

SAT- www.collegeboard.org

- Take the practice tests.
- Bring your calculator.
- Test scores must be submitted to the college of choice for the application to be complete.
- Christian Academy of Indiana High School (CEEB)
code is 152-504

College Admissions

If you have not taken the SAT and ACT as a junior, sign up! Take both at least once and one of these tests twice.

SAT - www.collegeboard.org

Visit the website for testing dates and enrollment deadlines

ACT – www.actstudent.org

Visit the website for testing dates and enrollment deadlines

College Admissions



APPLICATIONS

- There are separate applications that colleges require:
 - Admission
 - Housing
 - Financial Aid
- Check with each college to determine application deadlines; make sure you pay close attention to them. Deadlines listed generally mean when the application **MUST** be in the admissions office. It is **NOT** usually a postmark deadline!

College Admissions

APPLICATIONS

- Counselor and teacher recommendations will be submitted through Naviance.
- In May, request a final end-of-year transcript to be sent to the college. We do not send without a request.

Paying for College

It all starts with the FAFSA - www.fafsa.ed.gov

F- Free

A- Application (for)

F- Federal

S- Student

A- Aid

-The FAFSA is the “Gateway” for ANY sort of Federal Financial Aid.

- Can file as early as October 1.

Paying for College

FAFSA TIPS

- Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your *federal student aid* documents. Visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>
- For State Aid (Indiana), the FAFSA filing deadline is March 10.
- For State Aid (Kentucky), it is recommended to file as soon as possible after October 1.

Paying for College



Types of financial aid

- Grants
- Loans
- Scholarships
- Work Study Programs

Free Indiana College Costs Estimator

- Generates a student's expected net cost of attending an Indiana college at www.IndianaCollegeCosts.org

Paying for College

GRANTS – “Free” money

- Come directly from FAFSA results
- Are awarded by the college financial aid office
- Are generally need-based
- Do not have to be repaid
- Keep trying – Reapply as you go through college





Paying for College

LOANS

- Can be arranged with the US Dept. of Education or privately
- Usually do not have to be repaid until student is no longer a full time student
- Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized

Paying for College

SCHOLARSHIPS

-You should never have to pay someone to find scholarship money for you. Information is widely available online.



-Many scholarships are posted on the Counselor's blog on the CAI website.

-There are MANY merit-based scholarships that never come through the CAI counseling office. Many come directly with the award package from the college financial aid office. Check with the college/university to find out more information.

-Write the essays!

-Search online at www.Fastweb.com



Paying for College

WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

- Special jobs available on campus for students who qualify
- Student receives a regular paycheck to help with living expenses
- Student must apply just like they would for any other job

NCAA/NAIA CLEARINGHOUSES

- Students interested in participating in athletics in NCAA Division I or II schools must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. It is recommended that you register at the end of junior year. For more information visit: www.eligibilitycenter.org
- NAIA is the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Students interested in playing at NAIA schools must register at <http://www.playnaia.org>

Acceptance and Scholarship Offers

- Copies of ALL scholarship monies offered and college acceptance letters received should be submitted to the counseling office even if the student does **NOT** plan to accept a scholarship from a particular college.

Questions?

