

Military Magnet Academy School Counseling News

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MMA Counseling/Career Center

The Counseling Department would like to welcome You to the Military Magnet Academy for the 2014-2015 school year. We are located on the 1st floor in the middle school building. We would like students and parents to become familiar with the counseling staff and the available resources. The Career Center, an extension of the School Counseling Department, is available to serve the students of The Military Magnet Academy. Our goal is to provide students with resources and information to facilitate career development and awareness.

Counseling / Career Services

- Meet with students to discuss personal concerns And college/career options
- Preview student academic records and suggest Areas of improvement and strategies to increase Academic achievement
- Assist students with scheduling time and meeting Deadlines for exploring post high school options.
- Provide resources on college/career selection, financial aid resources and specific guidelines for exploring post high school options.
- Coordinate college, military, trade/technical visitation Programs.
- Provide student recommendations
- Assist students with setting reasonable Goals and develop strategies for meeting them

Career Websites

www.scpathways.org
www.kuder.com
www.hotjobs.com

www.careerclusters.gov
www.careervoyages.gov
www.mymajors.com

www.bls.gov/oco
www.scois.net
www.santeecooperkids.com

www.americorps.org

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New to the Military Magnet Academy's Counseling Department is Ms. Amanda Williams. Ms. Williams will be proctoring the Virtual High School Lab in room 141. We welcome her as a part of the Counseling Department and working with all students assigned to the Virtual High School Lab this school year.

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Parent Portal

PowerSchool's Parent Portal allows parents to stay in touch with your child's class assignments, review your child's attendance and review your child's grades. In order to access Parent Portal, you will need a computer along with internet access and a working email account that you will be able to access. From your account, please email the following information to Ms. Taylor and she will be able to assist you with obtaining your username and log-in information or updating. **Please email to: tiara_taylor@charleston.k12.sc.us**

1. Your child's full legal name
2. Your full legal name
3. Your current address
4. Your best daytime contact phone number
5. The last four digits of your child's Social Security Number
6. If you have an existing Parent Portal account with another school, please let Ms. Taylor know. She will be able to link your MMA's student to that account.

GEARUp

The Military Magnet Academy has a GearUp (*Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Under-graduate Programs*) Coach for our 10th graders. The goal of the GearUp Coach is to help students enroll in a postsecondary school upon graduating high school. Mr. Dennis Muhammad is the GearUp Coach and is on campus Monday – Friday. Mr. Muhammad will update all 10th graders and parents of the upcoming activities scheduled for this school year.



HEY SENIORS!!!!!!!

Money for College Anyone???

Scholarship files are located in the School Counseling Office. Apply, Apply, Apply!!! A fantastic website you may want to visit for scholarship information and financial aid is www.fastweb.com

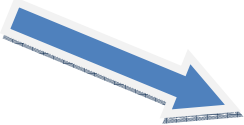
October 3rd is College Application Day.

This is the day you will have the opportunity to fill out a college application to the college of your choice and submit it electronically. There will be Counselors and college representatives on campus to assist and answer any questions you may have.

Scholarship Tips

- \$ Apply only if eligible. Read requirements
And directions carefully
- \$ Complete the application in full.
- \$ Be legible. Neatness makes a difference
- \$ Make an impression with your essay. Have
Your teacher or counselor check your grammar.
- \$ Be aware of all deadlines
- \$ Make copies before sending.

Additional "Application Day" procedures TBA



Military

U.S. Army www.army.mil
 U.S. Air Force www.airforce.mil
 U.S. Coast Guard www.uscg.mil
 U.S. Marines www.marines.mil
 National Guard www.nationalguard.com
 Military Information: www.military.com
(ROTC Scholarships- Click on the ROTC program at the College of your choice. Observe Criteria and deadline)

The **ASVAB** Test is being offered at MMA. Please see your JROTC Instructor for dates and time

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Register on-line for the SAT/ACT
See Ms. Aikens if you qualify for a SAT/ACT Test Waiver.

SAT Test Dates 2014-15 www.collegeboard.com	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required	
		Paper	Online
October 11, 2014	September 12, 2014	September 26, 2014	Sept. 30 th
November 8, 2014	October 9, 2014	October 24, 2014	Oct. 28 th
December 6, 2014	November 6, 2014	November 21, 2014	Nov. 24 th
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014	January 9, 2015	Jan. 13 th
March 14, 2015 (No Subject Test Offered)	February 13, 2015	February 27, 2015	Mar. 3 rd
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015	April 17, 2015	Aptil 21 st
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 22, 2015	May 27 th

ACT Test Dates 2014-15 www.actstudent.org	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 13, 2014	August 8, 2014	August 9-22, 2014
October 25, 2014	September 19, 2014	September 20 – Oct 3, 2014
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014	November 8– 21, 2014
February 7, 2015	January 9, 2015	January 10 – 16, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015	March 14– 27, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9– 22, 2015

Sophomores and Juniors will take the PSAT October 15, 2014
Juniors should make plans to take the SAT/ACT in the spring!!!

9th Grade Classroom Visit *"Freshman Orientation"*

Ms. Aikens recently visited 9th grade students to provide introductions and an overview of what school counselors can do to assist students.

She also completed a guidance lesson on

"Your Pathway to Success: Introduction to High School"

IGPs (Individual Graduation Plans) will be conducted throughout the school year beginning with senior students. Together, the counselor, parents and students will review coursework, prior testing results; credits earned and updated plans for the coming academic year.

Together, we will explore students' career interests and plan a "road map" to the future.

Senior IGPs and Credit Checks will start the week of September 22, 2014

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What is a Career Cluster?

Career Clusters explore the world of work with 16 career clusters and 81 pathways. SC Pathways enable students to identify skills through career assessments, education requirements, and explore the world of work through the most recent statistics of the Occupational Job Outlook. Students can research information about college admissions requirements, financial aid and programs of student at two year and four year colleges throughout South Carolina.

These career exploration tools are based on personal characteristics, preferences and students' individual goals. For many more special features, visit www.scpathways.org

Character Trait of the Month

WISDOM

Knowing what you need to do and choosing to do it

Upcoming Events:

October 3rd -College Application Day
 October 15th - PSAT (Sophomores and Juniors)
 October 16th - Senior Night
 October 23rd - Junior Night

College / University Tours

The following field trips have been scheduled for the fall. Please see Mr. Muhammad if you have any questions.

College of Charleston: Friday, September 19, 2014
 Francis Marion University: Thursday, October 2, 2014
 Coastal Carolina University: Friday, October 17, 2014