



Core Values

1. *Fostering a growing relationship with God*
2. *Mentoring Christ-like relationships and Adventist values.*
3. *Enabling students to achieve their academic potential.*

We are a Seventh-day Adventist school established to educate, equip, and inspire students to be critical thinkers who serve others and reflect Christ's character.

Weekly Update: May 10, 2018

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

May 8-11, Week of Prayer

May 10, Choir spring concert, 6 pm, *Ackerman

May 13, Band/Orchestra concert, 7 pm,
*Ackerman Auditorium, J. Mabel Wood Hall,
SAU

May 14-16, semester exams

May 15, AP Calculus test, 8 am

May 16, 12:30, ACORN/Yearbook/PIZZA

May 17, AP Statistics test 12 pm

May 18, 9:30 am, graduation rehearsal,
Collegedale Church

May 18, 6:30-7:30, Senior Reception

May 18, 8 pm, Consecration

May 19, 11:35 am, Baccalaureate

May 20, 10 am, Commencement

May 21, Summer school begins

- **For CA intramural schedule, please scroll to end**
- **For the entire 2017-2018 calendar, please go to www.gcss.org**
- **Basic dates for 2018-2019, www.gcss.org**
- **The Student Handbook is located at www.gcss.org**

EXAM PERMITS ARE SENT, EXCEPT FOR THOSE WITH FINES, AS OF 2:20 PM THURSDAY, MAY 10

GCSS BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

The GCSS offices will begin following the traditional summer schedule starting with the week of May 21. Offices will be open to the public from 9am to 2pm, Tuesday through Thursday. GCSS offices will be closed to the public on Monday's and Friday's.

As well, all GCSS offices will be closed the week of July 2 in celebration of the Independence Day holiday. We appreciate your support as we together work efficiently to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year.

SENIOR PRAYER RECEPTION: JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP

Please join us in celebrating you, as graduating seniors! The faculty would like to spend some special one-on-one time with the Class of 2018 in prayer.

WHEN: Friday, May 18th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (directly before consecration)

WHERE: Collegedale Church's Fellowship Room

WHAT: Senior Prayer Reception

FOOD: A light supper will be served with cake and punch.

END OF SEMESTER INFORMATION—NOTE THE DATE CHANGES

Semester exams are May **14-16**. All students are expected to take exams at the scheduled times.

MONDAY: May 14: period 1--8-9:15, period 2-- 9:30-10:45, period 3--11-12:15

May 15: period 4--8-9:15, period 5--9:30-10:45, period 6--11-12:15

May 16: period 7--8-9:15, period 8--9:30-10:45

ACORN/YEARBOOK: May 16 at 11:15 am with pizza lunch provided

May 17: AP Statistics test @ 12 pm

No lunches are sold exam week. Students are given extra time in the afternoons for study.

If a student has a study hall in periods 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 or 8 they are not required to attend, but should be off campus or may work if s/he is a teacher's reader. **If a student is on campus during the assigned study hall and not working for a teacher, then study hall attendance is required.**

Students are expected to be in regular CA uniform dress code and have their CA ID cards throughout exam week.

Exam permits: each student is **emailed** an exam permit/pdf file when all discipline and/or library fines have been cleared. In addition, the student's business office account must be up-to-date. If a student deletes the emailed permit and it *cannot be retrieved in the student's trash files*, then a \$20 fine is charged for another email to be sent. Students are expected to show the pdf exam permit at each exam so iPads should be taken to each exam and then stowed under the desk.

iPAD RETURNS

When turning in items, students must turn in the iPad, case, charger block and cable with the same number that was issued to the student. With this in mind, please have your student verify that he/she has all these matching parts before they return them during test week. The screens will be examined at the time of return as well

[Students taking US History from Mr. Pennell this summer will turn their equipment in just before the final exam in his summer class]

The CA policy for broken iPad screens for the 2017-2018 school year is as follows:

1st time broken screen is a \$100 co-pay for the repair.

Subsequent breakage is our actual cost, which has been around \$220.

Charges for items lost/not turned in is as follows (our actual cost):

- Charger block \$20
- Charger cable \$20
- iPad case \$50

The charges will be finalized and irreversible after May 31, 2018.

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2018-2019

Selections took place on April 18-19 in English classes. Students have until May 31 to make repeated changes online to their selections for next year. Recommended selections are attached with this Update and are available online at <http://www.gcss.org/ca-newsletter/>.

SUMMER VOICE LESSONS

Holly Greer is offering a one week vocal training intensive this summer, June 25-29. Students attend a half hour or hour lesson each day, Monday through Friday. The fee for a half hour time slot is \$125.00 for the week. The fee for an hour time slot is \$250.00 for the week. For more information or to reserve your spot, please call, text, or email Mrs. Greer at 423.290.4041 or hgreer@gccsda.com.

WELLKIDS AT SOUTHERN

Keep your kids moving and exploring the great outdoors this summer with "WELLkids in the Wild," a summer day camp program for kids at Southern Adventist University. Each week-long session offers outdoor adventures facilitated by graduate students in the Outdoor Leadership program. Activities include rock climbing, hiking, canoeing, ropes course, caving, rafting, and more. Available June 4-8, June 11-15, June 18-22, and July 23-27 for ages 10-16. Spots are limited, so don't wait! More information and registration is available at www.southern.edu/wellkids.

MATH PATHWAYS—DOUBLING UP, AP COURSES, ETC.

Do you foresee your student needing AP Calculus for his/her desired college degree/career? If so, these are the Pathways to take AP Calculus at Collegedale Academy:

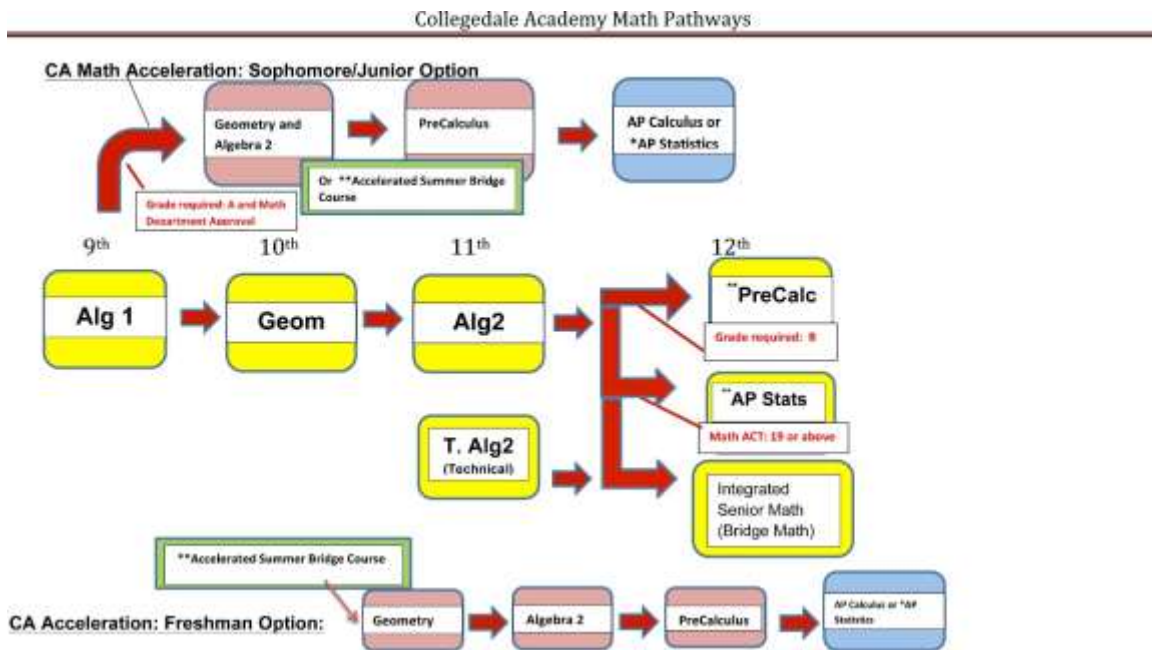
- 1) Take Algebra I in middle school (8th grade) or during the summer at CA—see below.
- 2) Double up in high school – Students take 2 math courses in grade 10 (Geometry & Algebra 2)
- 3) Complete accredited online classes from Alpha Omega's Alliance Program via CA during summer: Algebra 1 (before entering 9th grade) or Geometry (before entering 10th grade) or Algebra 2 (before entering 11th grade).

4) Current students must petition the Leadership Committee and have the Math Department recommendation in order to sign up for # 2 and #3.

PREREQUISITES: Pre-Calculus and AP Statistics require a math score of 19 on the ACT, B grades the previous two semesters in Algebra II and teacher recommendation. AP Calculus requires B grades the previous two semesters in Pre-Calculus.

Students must have proof of completion (transcripts) of online courses taken before beginning the next level course.

Since Tennessee State Board of Education requires students to take a math course every year during their four years in high school, this pathway to Calculus will mandate the student to take Pre-calculus, even if plans to take Calculus are replaced with Statistics.



ALGEBRA I SUMMER COURSE—incoming 9th graders

Collegedale Academy offers Algebra 1 during the summer for incoming freshmen. This is an accelerated course, not remedial. This summer course provides an alternative opportunity for students to complete higher-level mathematics courses, such as AP Calculus or AP Statistics in the senior year of high school, that will positively impact their college and career success, especially in areas of STEM.

· Dates: May 21 to July 3, 2018

· Hours: Mon-Fri, 8-noon

· Cost: \$615.00

· Prerequisite: A teacher recommendation, preferably in math.

If interested, email Zinah Beasley at beaslezi@collegedaleacademy.com and must apply for admissions at <http://www.gcss.org/welcome-to-ca/admissions/>. Limited Spaces available, so sign up soon!

RE-APPLY FOR 2018-2019--ONLINE APPLICATION

Application fee: April 1-June 30: \$75

1. Visit our website: <http://www.gcss.org/welcome-to-ca/admissions/>

2. Use your account information from last year to log in.

3. Select your student and the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Check your student's information for accuracy. The more you filled in last year, the less you will have to do this year!

Please Note: If you leave names blank, "NULL" will show up. If your student does not have a middle name, just insert a period "." to avoid the NULL.

5. If your student will be a senior for 2018-2019, please provide his/her social security number. This will be critical for the TN Promise/TN Hope Scholarship monies. C.A. must be able to match SSN's for the state in order for your student to get those funds.

6. Please make sure to switch/add students if you have siblings. Using the back button and the same form for both students causes mixed information for your students on their PowerSchool information.

NOTE: for the witness requirement, please fill in with a spouse or family member's name for the re-application process.



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The AmazonSmile triple donation promotion starts today! Amazon is **tripling the donation amount** to 1.5% when customers make their first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from **March 12 - 31**. This is a great opportunity to increase Greater Collegedale School System's AmazonSmile donations by reminding your supporters to shop at smile.amazon.com. Same products, same prices, same service.

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ACT REGISTRATION: Sept, December, February (new 2019), and April testing at CA

For all ACT test dates, deadlines and registration information please see the hyper-links listed at the end of this Weekly Update. <http://www.gcss.org/ca-newsletter/> has the link to registration information at CA.

AM TRAFFIC

If using the front entrance to drop off your student, please pull forward toward the side parking lot. If you stop near the Science/Tech building, traffic can often back up into the street blocking everyone. Thanks for your cooperation!

HELPFUL LINKS, DIRECTIONS, ETC.:

1. [Bell Schedule](#)
2. Faculty Contact List: names, numbers, emails, what they teach/do. Click [here](#)
3. 2017-2018 calendar, go to www.gcss.org
4. The Student Handbook is located at www.gcss.org

5. The *Echolier*: caecholier.com
6. CA Library: <http://collegedale.mysurpass.net/>. Links to ACT prep, practice drivers' tests, & full library catalog are available anytime, plus many more links.
7. Academic Excellence Policy: please see the Handbook pages 6-7
8. ACT at CA Information: Practice for the ACT via CA Library site. Test is offered Sept., Dec., and April each year. <http://www.gcss.org/ca-newsletter/> has the link for registration information for the ACT at CA.
9. College Admissions and HOPE Scholarship requirements [click here](#)
10. Hope Scholarship (TSAC) Link: [Click here](#)
11. Tennessee Promise: [click here](#)
12. Pre-Arranged Absence Form click [here](#)
13. Rescheduling Exams: please refer to page 30 of the Student Handbook
14. Community Service Form: return to Mr. Crawford, click [here](#)
15. Leadership Team Petition Form: for organizational and individual requests [here](#)
16. Transcript Release: send a C.A. transcript to another location. Click [here](#)
17. New Drivers: please see the Student Handbook on page 28 for attendance paperwork required for Learners' Permits.
18. CAYA WEBSITE <http://cayayouth.com/> is the url for Collegedale Adventist Youth in Action. Please bookmark this in your web browser for future reference for all CAYA activities.