



# Tuscola High School Junior Newsletter

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## Juniors: Time to Take Care of Business

It is your junior year, and by now you can probably see the finish-line. You're closing in on college and you know it, so this is not the time to slow down. Take these next few months very seriously. It is extremely important to maintain good grades in your junior year! Study hard! This is the last full year of grades that most college admission officers will see before deciding if you can "make the grade". This is also the time to start the college planning process. Gathering more information now will make for a less stressful senior year for students and parents. College websites are a great way to find out about entrance requirements and programs.

I am very excited to be your counselor this year. Please feel free to call me anytime at 456-2408, or email me at [kfrancoeur@haywood.k12.nc.us](mailto:kfrancoeur@haywood.k12.nc.us)

Have a great year! Kari Francoeur



College  
Foundation of  
North Carolina  
[CFNC.org](http://CFNC.org)

College Foundation of North Carolina is a free website that helps you plan, apply, and pay for college. On the website you can create your own account and keep track of your test scores, grades, and future goals through a high school planner! CFNC offers information on specific colleges and how to apply for financial aid. This website is worth



## Mark Your Calendars

**THS Open House**—Tuesday, September 29th—THS Open House 6:30pm

### Take the PSAT.

- The PSAT is offered at Tuscola on **October 14th**. The PSAT is required for several national scholarships and is especially important for National Merit Scholarships. Sign up in the Counseling Center. The cost is \$13.

### Start your college search.

- Attend College Night at HCC on September 28th from 6-7:30pm.** Colleges & universities from across the Southeast will be present to give information and answer questions.
- Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- A representative from **Peace College** (All women's college) will be in the Counseling Center on September 28th at 1:30pm. Please sign up in the Counseling Center if you are interested.
- A representative from **Gettysburg College** will be in the Counseling Center on September 17th at 1:30pm. Please sign up in the Counseling Center if you are interested.
- A representative from **UNC-CH** will be at AC Reynolds on September 27th. RSVP to Andrew Parrish at [aparrish@admissions.unc.edu](mailto:aparrish@admissions.unc.edu) if you would like to attend.
- Treat your school selection process like a research paper. Make a file and gather information about schools, financial aid, and campus life.
- Do your top college choices require essays or recommendations? Now is the time to begin planning your essays and choosing whom you'd like to ask for recommendations.

### Plan your spring testing schedule.

- Tuscola is giving the **ASVAB** to all juniors on October 21st. (This is a free career assessment that will help clarify options after high school.)
- The SAT is offered at Tuscola on October 10th, November 7th, and June 5th, 2010.
- The SAT is offered at Pisgah on May 1st, 2010.
- The ACT is offered at Tuscola on February 6th, 2010.

## ASVAB

No matter what a student is planning to do after high school, the ASVAB test is a great opportunity! The US Military does administer the exam; however, there are no obligations to talk with military recruiters or join the military. This is a WONDERFUL career assessment for students who are unsure of what careers they may be interested in.

**October 21, 2009**

## ATTENTION JUNIORS!



If you would like to be considered for National Merit Scholarships, you **MUST** take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14th, 2009.

You can register for the PSAT through the Counseling Center with Diana Chambers. The cost is \$13, and checks must be payable to Tuscola High School. You must sign up before October 1, 2009.

## When Do We Take the SAT?

- We recommend that students take the SAT twice during their junior year.
- The SAT combines the best overall score; therefore it is to the student's advantage to take the SAT more than once.
- The SAT is offered at PHS on May 1st and at Tuscola on June 5th.
- By waiting until later in the junior year, students have the opportunity to learn more English and Math skills which will benefit them on the test. However, juniors are eligible to take the SAT at any time during their junior year.
- To register for the SAT, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Our school code is 344-214. You must list our school code in order for us to get your scores.
- Students that need to receive accommodations on the SAT need to stop by the Counsel-

## SAT Preparation Programs

- **WNC S.A.T. Prep Services**—Classes will be on Sundays in the THS library from 2-5pm. For more information call Lisa Clifford @ 734-8148, Susan Kingshill @ 421-4862, or Lynn Smith @ 452-1267.
- **POWERSCORE**—Find more information at [www.powerscore.com](http://www.powerscore.com) or call 800-545-1750 to enroll. Live online class begins September 26, 2009.

You're Invited!

Johnson & Wales University  
Charlotte Campus

Fall Events

September 12, 2009  
October 24, 2009  
November 7, 2009  
December 5, 2009  
Open House Events at 9:30am

November 6-8, 2009  
Wildcat Weekend

See more information at

## COLLEGE INFORMATION

This year, the Counseling Center is placing file boxes that contain college information in each of the Junior and Senior English classes.

There will be information regarding upcoming events, scholarship information, ACT, and SAT information and various other materials that are pertinent to your student. We hope by

placing these boxes in the classroom the students will take advantage of picking up information and passing it on to you as parents. All information will continue to be available in the



Counseling Center.