

SENIOR CALENDAR FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

This calendar is not all-inclusive. This is just a tool to help you maneuver through the senior year. Please contact me, Joy Sollie, the counselor for the Class of 2012, if you have any questions. You can contact me the following ways: (828) 456-2408 ext. 6014 or jsollie@haywood.k12.nc.us. Please continue to check Tuscola's website at www.ths.haywood.k12.nc.us for updated information.

SUMMER

- Senior pictures will be taken in late July. There is a \$10 sitting fee to have proofs sent to a home address (usually proofs go out two weeks after portrait appointment.) There is no sitting fee if students are being photographed for the yearbook only. Students must be photographed by Lifetouch (two poses) to be in the yearbook, but NO purchase is necessary. (Seniors will choose two poses for the yearbook, in the Publications office in December.)
- Consider CFNC to complete online applications. As you update your CFNC profile, the information is stored to go to all colleges you apply for through CFNC. Update your Portfolio of activities for grades 9-12.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



- Purchase a parking pass (approximately \$45.00).
- Register for the November Reasoning SAT (\$47.00) or the September or October ACT plus Writing Test \$47.00.
- If you plan to play a sport in college, make sure you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse and then send a transcript for eligibility certification.
- Update your CFNC profile.
- Print off the scholarship database from www.ths.haywood.k12.nc.us.
- Narrow your list of colleges to 5 or 10. Download college applications and financial aid forms. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.
- Write the following dates on your calendar:
 - Tests you should take and registration deadlines.
 - College application due dates.
 - Financial aid application forms required and their deadlines.
- If you cannot afford application or test fees, Mrs. Sollie can help you request a fee waiver.
- If you have not had your test scores sent to the college to which you are applying, be sure to contact the College Board or ACT to have your scores sent.
- Yearbook sales begin. (Approximately \$75.00 to \$80.00—payment plans are available through Jostens and publications office.)
- Senior “baby” ads for the yearbook (Ranges from \$100.00 to \$325.00—three suggested payments in October, November and December, but other arrangements can be worked out.)
- Contact teachers, counselors, or others in the community to complete scholarship or college entrance letters of reference for you, if needed. Make sure you give them adequate time and also prepare a list of your accomplishments and activities for them to use in the reference letter.
- College Application Fees – approximately \$50.00. Transcripts \$2.00.
- Make-up pictures for senior portraits is Tuesday, September 8th. For more pose choices, you will need to schedule a make-up through Lifetouch at 1-800-645-7442.
- ACT Plus Writing Test: September 10th.



OCTOBER

- Attend College Night at HCC. Colleges and Universities from across the Southeast and beyond will have representatives available to discuss their specific school, entrance requirements, scholarships, etc.
- ACT Plus Writing Test: October 22nd and/or SAT Reasoning Test October 1st.
- Try to finalize your college choices.
- Prepare Early Decision, Early Action, or rolling admissions applications as soon as possible
- Ask for counselor or teacher recommendations if you need them. Give each teacher or counselor an outline of your academic record and your extracurricular activities. For each recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope, and any college forms required.
- If you're submitting essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them. If you're applying for Early Decision, finish the essays for that application now.
- If you have not had your test scores sent to the college to which you are applying, be sure to contact the College Board or ACT to have them sent.
- Some colleges require the CSS/PROFILE. Get a PROFILE registration guide from the Counseling Center. Begin work on aid applications.



NOVEMBER

- SAT Reasoning Test: November 5th.
- November 1-15: For Early Decision admissions, colleges may require test scores and applications between these dates.
- Complete at least one college application by Thanksgiving. Participate in College Application Week at Tuscola.
- Counselors send transcripts to colleges. Give counselors the proper forms at least two weeks before colleges require them.
- Purchase graduation supplies – cap and gown approximately \$39.00 and invitations approximately \$20.00 or more.
- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It cannot be submitted before January 1st.
- Visit www.pin.ed.gov and get a personal identification number (PIN). You will need a PIN to use an electronic signature if you complete the FAFSA online.
- Pay for AP exams – approximately \$87.00 per exam.
- Attend Financial Aid Night at Haywood Community College on November 8, 2011.

DECEMBER

- SAT Reasoning Test: December 3rd and/or ACT Plus Writing: December 10th.
- Bring acceptance letters and reward letters to the Counseling Center.
- As you finish and send your applications and essays, be sure to keep copies.
- You and your family may want to save final pay stubs for the year. On aid forms that you'll file early in the new year, you can use the stubs to estimate income.
- Final payments due to the Publications office for "baby ads".
- Senior quotes due to the Publications office.
- Choose yearbook poses in the Publications office.
- Apply for a pin number for the FAFSA at <http://www.pin.ed.gov/PINWebApp/pinindex.jsp>.



JANUARY

- If your college wants to see first-semester grades, be sure you give the form to your counselor
- If you apply to colleges online, be sure to have your high school send a transcript—it goes to colleges separately, and by mail.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon as you can after (but not before) January 1. Men 18 or older must register for the Selective Service to receive federal financial aid. To register, complete a check-off box on your FAFSA or register at any post office.

FEBRUARY

- Cap and Gown pictures – the price depends on the package you order. Lifetouch provides the cap and the gown.
- No senioritis, please! Accepting colleges do look at second-semester senior grades.
- Attend FAFSA Day at Tuscola or a local college for help filling out the FAFSA.
- Parents and students are encouraged to complete and file income tax returns as soon as possible. Colleges may request copies of your tax returns to finalize aid offers.



MARCH



- Keep active in school. If you are wait-listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and learned of its decision.
- As you receive letters of acceptance, check with aid offices to see if additional documentation must be submitted. Some colleges may request copies of your family's income tax forms, W-2 forms or other materials. (* Remember to bring letters of acceptance to the Counseling Center.)

APRIL

- Purchase prom tickets – approximately \$30.00 a ticket.
- You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April. If you've not done so yet, visit your final college before accepting. As soon as you decide, notify your counselor of your choice.
- If you have questions about housing offers, talk to your counselor or call the college.
- Use the online Compare Your Aid Awards tool at collegeboard.com to help you understand and compare financial aid award offers from two or more colleges. Talk with financial aid officers if you have questions. If you get no aid (or not enough), ask whether other financing plans are available.

MAY

- Senior group picture – approximately \$19.00.
- May 1: Colleges cannot require a deposit or commitment to attend before May 1. By that postmarked date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid. (Questions? Talk to your counselor.)
- Send your deposit to one college only.
- Wait-listed by a college? Ask the admissions director how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.
- Work with a counselor to resolve any admissions or financial aid problems.
- If you've been offered aid from your chosen college, be sure to accept the offer as instructed in your award letter. (Note: You'll need to reapply for financial aid every year.)
- If you've received aid from other schools, let them know that you won't be attending.

JUNE

- Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college.

