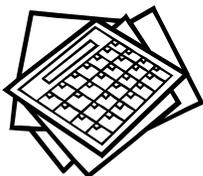


Senior Newsletter

January 2011

Mark Your Calendars!!!

Important Dates
To Remember!!!



⇒ Thursday, February 10th—

THS FAFSA Day 1pm-6pm

If you would like help filling out the FAFSA, there will be Financial Aid Representatives here from HCC to help students and parents. You **must** call 456-2408 and talk with Cindy Simson to sign up for a time slot.

⇒ Saturday, February 19—

FAFSA Day Sponsored by CFNC

(register at www.cfnc.org)

Need help filling out the FAFSA? Bring all your materials and let a CFNC volunteer file the FAFSA online that day! Events are held at the State Employee's Credit Union, UNC-Asheville or Southwestern Community College.

January TO-DO-LIST

- ◆ If you have not ordered cap & gown, please call Josten's at 681-1712. If you are in need of help with graduation supplies, please contact me at 456-2408 or kfrancoeur@haywood.k12.nc.us.
- ◆ If you are planning to attend a school that requires a Mid-Year Transcript or School Report, please see Mrs. Chambers after 1st semester in the Counseling Center to ensure that appropriate documents are sent.
- ◆ Start preparing your 2010 tax income returns as soon as possible. Some tax preparation agencies will also help prepare your FAFSA application.
- ◆ If you have not already applied for a FAFSA pin number, you can do this at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. If you need help filling out the FAFSA, make sure you register to attend one of the events to the left.

**For more information
about paying for
college, please visit:**

www.cfnc.org



Please Read the Following Regarding THS Revised Attendance Policy:

· Haywood County Schools' policy specifies that a student with more than (12) twelve absences in a year-long course (Tuscola only) will not receive credit for that course. In order to be counted present for a class, the student must meet the attendance requirements established by the school.

· Any student absent more than (12) twelve times in a year-long course (THS only) will fail that class unless a request for a passing grade is approved by the principal. The principal shall appoint a committee to review (at the end of the year) the records of students with more than (12) twelve absences. The committee shall take into consideration verified absences due to health. It is the teacher's responsibility to notify the student when his/her credit is in jeopardy due to attendance. Teachers will assist students in notifying parents.

· Students may attend make-up sessions for time missed due to absences thirteen through eighteen (13 – 18) for year-long schedules (THS only). Make-up sessions shall be scheduled before school, after school, and/or on Saturdays. Make-up time for these absences shall match missed time hour-for-hour. Students will be charged a fee to participate in these sessions. The principal/designee may set a new guideline if extenuating circumstances can be proven.



How Scholarships Affect the Financial Aid Package

Private scholarships can actually reduce parts of your child's financial aid package. How? Colleges must consider outside scholarships as a student's financial resource available to pay for education costs. If a college financial aid office meets your child's full financial need, government regulations specify that any scholarship money won lowers the need figure on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

What should matter to you and your child is which types of aid are reduced or eliminated — self-help aid (loans or work-study) or need-based grants. Colleges, following federal regulations, can adjust aid packages in a variety of ways — some subtract the value of unmet need first, others reduce self-help aid before reducing grants, still others use scholarship funds only to replace grant money. Some colleges even give the option of using scholarships to reduce the expected family contribution.

It's a good idea to contact the financial aid office of colleges that interest your child and ask about their policies on outside scholarships.

Information provided by www.collegeboard.com



It's easy to compare your financial aid packages on College Board! Just visit:
http://apps.collegeboard.com/fincalc/compare_aid.jsp

They also provide a wealth of information with calualators for college costs, EFC (Estimated Family Contribution), Comparing Loans, Student Loans, Parent Debt, etc.

Dear Parents—

If you have any questions about college or scholarship information, please do not hesitate to call me at 456-2408 or email me at kfrancoeur@haywood.k12.nc.us. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.
Kari Francoeur



Opportunities from MAHEC

- Financial Aid for College—January 20, 2011** 6pm—7pm (Cost is free but you must register.)
- How to Study & College Scholarship Session—March 12, 2009** 6:30-7:30pm (Cost is free but you must register.)

To register for any program or for additional information: email—healthcaers@mahec.net or call 828-257-4661.



College Scholarships

Please check out our website for the scholarship database. New scholarships are also available in the Counseling Center.

www.ths.haywood.k12.nc.us

Also, make sure you check the college websites for scholarships specific to that school. There may be separate applications required!!!

Don't forget these important websites for college planning and scholarship information:



www.cfnc.org



www.collegeboard.com



www.fastweb.com



www.fafsa.ed.gov



www.smartmoney.com/personal-finance/college-planning/



www.offtocollege.com