



Tuscola High School Junior Newsletter January 2011

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TUSCOLA'S NEW 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 (13-18) thirteen through eighteen 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.



Best Buy Scholarship

Best Buy will award 1,200 scholarships of \$1,000 each to students in grades 9-12 *That Hit the Books and Help Their Communities*. If you have solid grades and are involved in community service or work experience you should apply at www.at15.com by February 16.



Fastest Growing Occupations in North Carolina

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| 1. Home Health Aides | 13. Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education |
| 2. Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers | 14. First-Line Supervisors (Managers of Construction) |
| 3. Registered Nurses | 15. Receptionists and Information Clerks |
| 4. Retail Salespersons | 16. Social and Human Service Assistants |
| 5. Customer Service Representatives | 17. Business Operation Specialists |
| 6. Waiters and Waitresses | 18. Landscaping and Grounds Keeping Workers |
| 7. Personal and Home Care Aides | 19. Carpenters |
| 8. Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants | 20. Food Preparation Workers |
| 9. Janitors and Cleaners | 21. Teacher Assistants |
| 10. Office Clerks | 22. Truck Drivers |
| 11. Construction Laborers | 23. Managers of Retail Sales Work |
| 12. Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks | 24. Nursing Aides |
| | 25. Cooks |

For more information visit www.cfnc.org



American Legion Girls' State

On January 21, at 9:30 A.M., there will be a representative from the American Legion Auxiliary in the Counseling Center. This meeting is for Junior girls interested in Girls' State. This is a 1-week summer opportunity for young women who have a competitive GPA, are involved in the school & community, have strong leadership skills, and are interested in a hands-on learning experience of the government system in North Carolina.

Opportunities

- **Summer Camp:** Visit www.LandrySummerCamps.com for a list of 23 summer camps.
- **Study Abroad:** Visit www.oxbridgeprograms.com for Oxbridge Academic Programs.
- **Precollege:** Visit www.nyu.edu/info/precollege/visit for NYU High School Programs.
- **International Student Exchange Programs:** Visit www.world-hertiae.org to find out information about student exchange programs.



The Official SAT Question of the Day

Would you like your son or daughter to study for the SAT everyday? You can make it happen! Sign up at www.collegeboard.com for the SAT Question of the Day and your son or daughter will be emailed a practice SAT question everyday.



The Extracurricular Edge

Quality over Quantity

Is your high schooler's life a whirlwind of school, homework, soccer practice, volunteering, flute lessons, debate team, and more? If your teen is on the college track, you've probably heard that extracurricular activities can make a difference in getting into college.



How Activities Help

Louis L. Norbeck, a school counselor in Annapolis, Maryland, confirms that with college admissions getting increasingly more competitive each year, extracurricular activities can give students an edge. Norbeck explains that while a student's transcript and test scores are still the most important criteria to college admission boards, what students do during non-school hours demonstrates other important qualities that grades alone don't reveal, such as responsibility, an ability to work with others, and personal commitment.

Everything in Moderation

While participation in a range of activities is clearly valuable, there is a misconception that the more activities on your child's resume, the better. Like anything else in life, extracurricular activities should be done in moderation.

Just as enrolling in too many challenging classes may jeopardize your child's grades, participating in too many activities can take away from your child's study time, and consequently your child's ability to take more honors and AP[®] classes. This, in turn, can hurt your child's chances at more competitive colleges. Very-involved students and their parents should watch for burn-out and exhaustion. High school can be a stressful and busy time, so it's important for students to prioritize their schedules.

Get Passionate

Even college admissions boards don't advocate participating in too many activities. Admission officials are more likely to consider an applicant who is very committed to one or two activities, rather than a student who's taken on too many activities, and hasn't shown serious commitment to any single one. Colleges want students who can bring unique skills and interests to the student body. The emphasis should be on quality, not quantity, and depth, not breadth.

Visit www.collegeboard.com for more information about extracurricular activities.

Project Uplift at UNC-Chapel Hill

Project Uplift is a special program that enables high-achieving rising seniors to experience college life on the Carolina campus. Students spend two days visiting classes, meeting with faculty and staff, interacting with Carolina students, and participating in cultural and social activities. *Project Uplift* is designed for students from under-served populations such as American Indian, African American, Latino/Hispanic, Asian and first-generation college students. Students should rank in the top 25% of the class, be enrolled in rigorous courses and show active involvement in extracurricular and leadership activities. Please see Mrs. Sollie by January 31st if you are interested in being nominated for *Project Uplift*.



JANUARY TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS

- Continue with your campus visits online or in person. You want to be narrowing down your list of potential colleges.
- Consider looking for summer job or internship. Not only can you earn money for college, you can also learn valuable skills.
- Apply for Advanced Placement classes.
- Begin to think about classes you want to register for next year.

