



Tuscola High School Junior Newsletter

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College Planning Night

Thursday, October 23

6:00—7:00 P.M.—Presentation in Auditorium
7-7:30 P.M.—Opportunity Fair in Gym or Cafeteria

College Planning Night is for parents and 9th-11th grade students who are planning to attend a two or four-year school after high school. The opportunity fair will include representatives from a two-year school and a four-year college/university and also a representative from a private college. There will be information from the College Foundation of North Carolina, the military regarding scholarship information, summer opportunities and other information pertinent to a student's success.

If there are questions, please call Joy Sollie at 456-2408 ext.6014

We hope to see everyone there!!!

Dream Job!

Students: Have you ever found yourself daydreaming about your future career and found it impossible to make a decision? We have all heard the phrase "do what you love" emphasizing the importance to pursue a career that compliments your skills and personality, but how can we find out about all the careers that fit that description? Simple. Try an online career assessment at CFNC.org. Career Center at CFNC.org has a wealth of information including assessments designed to identify both your interests and your skills for potential career choices.



ACT VS. SAT

It is often debated over which test to take, SAT or ACT. What is the difference between the SAT and the ACT? Both the SAT and ACT are nationally administered standardized tests that help colleges evaluate candidates. Most colleges and universities accept either test. So, which test should students take? One should weigh options, and keep in mind there are differences in test structure and the type of content assessed. The chart below shows which test makes the most of a student's strengths to help determine which test might be most advantageous.

	ACT	SAT
Length	3 hours, 25 minutes (Including Optional 20 minute writing section)	3 hours, 45 minutes
Sections	4 Sections: English, Math, Reading, Science, Writing (Optional)	10 sections: 3 Critical Reading, 3 Math, 3 Writing, 1 Experimental
Science	Science (analysis, interpretation, evaluation, basic content, and problem solving)	Science not included
Math	Math accounts for 1/4 of overall score (Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry)	Math accounts for 1/3 of overall score (Arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and algebra II)
Essay	Last thing you do (optional); 30 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not included in composite score Topic of importance to students Address counterarguments 	First thing you do; 25 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factored into overall score More abstract topic (vs. ACT) Pick a side and stick to it
Scoring	Total composite score of 1-36 (based on average of 4 tests) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 scores of 1-36 for each test Score of 0-12 for the optional essay 	Total score out of 2400 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 scores of 200-800 for each section Score of 0-12 for the Essay
Wrong Answer Penalty	No wrong score penalty	1/4 point subtracted per wrong answer (except for Math Grid-in questions)

For more information visit www.kaptest.com

MILITARY INFORMATION



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Residential Anatomy & Physiology Camps

(on the campus of Appalachian State University)



These camps are appropriate for all 9th—12th grade students but are especially geared toward students interested in careers such as medicine, exercise science, biology, chemistry, dentistry, athletic training, nutrition, health promotion, nursing, physical therapy, etc. They actually use human cadavers! Visit www.AnatomyCamps.com.

Facts You Should Know About NC Private Colleges and Universities:

- ➔ There are 36 independent colleges and universities located across North Carolina, including four colleges for women, five historically black institutions, and one two-year college.
- ➔ Independent (or private) colleges and universities enroll almost 65,000 undergraduate students and over 15,000 graduate and professional students, with over half of them from North Carolina.
- ➔ Independent colleges and universities grant almost one-third of the baccalaureate degrees awarded each year in North Carolina, about 50 percent of medical degrees, and over 60 percent of law degrees.
- ➔ The average tuition and fees charged by North Carolina independent colleges and universities last year was just over \$18,000.
- ➔ The North Carolina General Assembly has provided financial assistance to North Carolina students attending the state's independent colleges and universities since 1972. The Legislative Tuition Grant is \$1,950 this year for full-time NC students.
- ➔ These institutions offer small classes, individual attention, and an opportunity to work directly with professors who are experts in their fields.

Visit www.ncicu.org for more information.



Counseling Center Boxes

The Counseling Center has placed boxes in Junior and Senior English classes. There is information regarding upcoming events, scholarship information, ACT and SAT registration information, ACT and SAT practice books, newsletters, guidebooks, and other pertinent information. Please check this box regularly. New information will be in manila folders. All information will be available anytime in the Counseling Center as well.



Governor's School

The Governor's School of NC is a six-week summer residential program for intellectually gifted high school students, integrating academic disciplines, the arts, and unique courses. The curriculum focuses on the exploration of the most recent ideas and concepts in each discipline and does not involve credit, tests, or grades.

- Governor's School has two sites: Salem College in Winston-Salem and Meredith College in Raleigh.
- Talk to Mrs. Ward in the Counseling Center for more information or visit www.ncgovschool.org



COLLEGE BOUND ATHLETES

STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING SPORTS IN COLLEGE MUST REGISTER WITH NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE.

- WHAT IS THE NCAA? THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SERVES AS THE ATHLETICS GOVERNING BODY FOR MORE THAN 1,280 COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, CONFERENCES, AND ORGANIZATIONS.
- WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER? THIS WILL CERTIFY THE ACADEMIC AND AMATEUR CREDENTIALS OF ALL COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES WHO WISH TO COMPETE IN NCAA DIVISION I OR II ATHLETICS.
- HOW DO I REGISTER? VISIT WWW.NCAACLEARINGHOUSE.NET.

