



Tuscola High School Junior Newsletter

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Future Planning Night

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009

5:30—6:00pm—Opportunity Fair in the THS Cafeteria
6:00—7:30pm—Presentations

Future Planning Night for parents and students to learn more about possibilities after high school. The opportunity fair will include representatives from the military, a 2-year school, a 4-year public college, a 4-year private college, Haywood County Schools Foundation, CFNC, employment agencies, and many more.

If you have any questions, please call me—Kari Francoeur at 456-2408 ext.6013
We hope to see you there!!!

Your Counselors

Kari Francoeur

Junior Counselor
9th grade—A-G

Joy Sollie

Senior Counselor
9th grade—H-O

Karri Konczal

Sophomore Counselor
9th grade—P-Z
Pipeline

Megan Carpenter

WCU Counseling Intern



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



Army:

Mitchell Mast
1-877-268-2103

Marines:

Justin Maggard
1-828-423-5708

Navy:

Eric Childers
1-828-508-3968

Air Force:

Mike Beutler
1-828-399-9029

Don't Forget!

All Juniors will take the ASVAB on Wed. October 21st, 2009!



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.

Scholarship Opportunity



Elon University North Carolina
Junior Elon Scholars

You must demonstrate:

- ⇒ Superior academic achievement with an "A" average
- ⇒ Exceptional involvement in activities which are highly valued as part of an Elon education
- ⇒ Combined critical reading, writing, and math SAT score of 1870 or higher (Students must take SAT before January 26 to be considered)
- ⇒ Co-curricular achievements should demonstrate sustained commitment and leadership

Selection is not based on financial need.

Students may apply online by February 10, 2010 at:

College Planning Glossary

- ⇒ **Admissions Counselor**—This is an admissions staff member whose goal is to recruit the best high school students in his or her territory and who can become your advocate in the admission process.
- ⇒ **Application Fee**—Most colleges charge a non-refundable application fee for applying –averaging about \$25—but some can go as high as \$60.
- ⇒ **Campus Visit**—If you are a college-bound student, you should schedule visits to your top college choices. Be certain to contact each college and reserve your visit so you'll be sure to get a great tour, along with any other services they provide.
- ⇒ **Common Application**—This is a time-saving device for students applying to any of the more than 300 colleges that participate in the program run by the non-profit Common Application Organization.
- ⇒ **CSS/Financial Aid Profile**—This is the financial aid application service of the College Board. More than 600 colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, and scholarship programs use the information on the PROFILE to determine eligibility for nonfederal student aid funds.
- ⇒ **Early Action**—This is an emerging trend in admissions that allows students to apply for admission to the college of their choice early and receive a decision within a few months, well in advance of the normal response dates in the spring.
- ⇒ **Early Decision**—This is a binding agreement between the applicant and the college which basically states that, if accepted, the student agrees to attend the college.
- ⇒ **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**—This is a tool used to calculate a student's eligibility for need-based federal financial aid. It's the amount a family is projected to contribute toward a student's education, based on family earnings, net assets, savings, size of family, and the number of students in college.
- ⇒ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**—This is an official application that needs to be completed in order to apply for virtually all types of financial aid for higher education.

For more information visit www.quintcareers.com/college_planning_glossary.html

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 or call 800-545-1750 to enroll.

Opportunities from MAHEC

- * **How To Study & College Scholarship Workshop**—11/2/09 6:30pm—9:00pm (Cost is free but you must register.)
- * **Finding Financial Aid For College**—11/10/09 6:00pm—7:00pm (Cost if free but you must register.)
- * Register for all classes with jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net