



Tuscola High School

Junior Newsletter

January 2013

564 Tuscola School Rd. Waynesville, NC 28786

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THS Parent Night



When: Thursday—January 17th @ 6pm

Where: THS Auditorium

Why: Parent Night is for 9-11 grade students and parents! We will discuss graduation requirements and the upcoming registration process. Please plan to attend this very important event!

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UNC-Chapel Hill Project Uplift

What is Project Uplift?

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. This year's program will be held on May 23-25, May 30-June 1, June 6-8, and June 13-15. There is a nonrefundable \$25 program fee which includes all meals, housing, t-shirt, and program materials (excludes travel costs). Students with demonstrated financial need may contact their counselor for information regarding a fee waiver.

Heels for Success is designed for high achieving rising sophomores and juniors from diverse backgrounds, including underrepresented students, first-generation college students, and those from rural areas or disadvantaged backgrounds. Students should be academically motivated, rank in the top 10% of their class, be enrolled in a curriculum that includes (or will include) AP/IB/dual enrollment courses, foreign language, and advanced mathematics. Heels for Success nominees should show active involvement in extracurricular activities and have demonstrated leadership.

Please let your counselor know if you are interested by January 15, 2013!



NC Academic Scholars

Students wishing to be considered a NC Academic Scholar need to refer to their Junior Guidebook for the qualifications as they consider classes for their senior year. Students are welcome to come and meet with a counselor if they have any questions about the qualifications.

How To Learn About Colleges As A Junior!

FAIRS—Go to college fairs: College fairs are held in your high school gym or a local conference center. At a college fair, you will have the chance to speak with representatives and receive information about their schools.

CAMPUS TOUR—Don't just look at pictures online! College tours are run by current students at the school. Campus tours usually last an hour. Tour guides will take you to the most important and most common areas students visit on a daily basis: the dining hall, student center, academic halls and dorm rooms. Look at the college's Web site to get a feel for the campus and to generate some questions. Most frequently asked questions include:

- What are the most popular majors?
- What is there to do on the weekends?
- How is campus security?
- How safe is campus?
- How's the food?
- Why did you decide to come here?



CAMPUS OVERNIGHT—An overnight is when you spend the night in a dorm with a student host. Ask the admissions department at your prospective college if this is an option. Keep in mind that one overnight might not truly represent what your experience at college will be.

ATTEND A CLASS—Take the time to sit in on a class in your major. It allows you to see what the class atmosphere is like, what the students are like, and how a professor conducts a college class.

REQUEST INFO FROM THE SCHOOL—Have you called a college's admissions office? Registered for information online? Sent in a business reply card with the college's name checked? The more information you get from a college, the better able you'll be to decide. And it never hurts to show admissions reps how interested you are in the school through several contacts.

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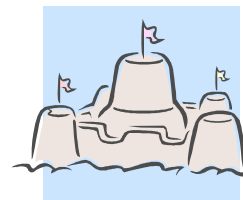


Summer Opportunities!

Summer Fun Can Include Learning

What will you do with your time this summer? Do reruns on TV sound boring? Maybe you love the outdoors. Maybe you want to become a doctor, someday. Maybe you dream of starting a business. Whatever you like to do, this summer you can learn something new, improve your skills and challenge yourself. This summer, you can do something that will help you get into college.

The Directory of College Preparation Programs for K-12 Students in North Carolina is a great resource to find a summer program that interests you. It's available online – free - at www.gocollege.appstate.edu or you may look at cfnc.org under the orange plan tab & college preparation opportunities. The directory lists programs across the state, sponsored by colleges and universities, public schools and nonprofit agencies that will prepare you for college success. You can choose from programs in science and math, leadership, business, government, health careers, marine sciences, arts, humanities and more. Many of these programs require a stay on a college campus, so in addition to academics, you'll get firsthand experience living in a college residence hall and getting a sense of life on a college campus, maybe even in a different part of the state. Take a look and see if you can find a program that sounds interesting to you.



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SAT Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Test	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
March 9, 2013	SAT only	February 8, 2013	February 22, 2013
May 4, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	April 5, 2013	April 19, 2013
June 1, 2013	SAT & Subject Tests	May 2, 2013	May 17, 2013

We recommend that juniors take the SAT twice during their junior year. The May 4 test will be held at Pisgah and the June 1 date will be at Tuscola. There are several free test preparation opportunities on cfnc.org and collegeboard.com.

Opportunities From MAHEC

For any opportunities at MAHEC—call 828-257-4479 or email Jacquelyn Hallum at jacquelyn.hallum@mahec.net.

- **SAT Prep Strategies Course @ MAHEC.** March 2-3, 2013 This is for 7th-12th grade students particularly those students interested in the medical field. The cost is \$65. You must register online for this event at mahec.net.



ASPIRE @ Higher Education

A program by NC State University

ACT Preparation Course
\$50 + \$100 refundable deposit

Students attended an informational session regarding this opportunity! If you are interested please email Rachel Huffman at rehuffman@ncsu.edu ASAP to find out about the next opportunity to participate!

For more information visit:
<http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/aspire/>