



# Tuscola High School

## Freshman & Sophomore Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to another Great Year at Tuscola!

### FYI:

(For Your Information)

\*Clemson University —

### C-CATS

A program designed for high achieving 9th & 10th grade students. Offering exciting weekend adventures, academic, social & recreational. If you are interested in being nominated, please come by the counseling center and see

Mrs. Ward.

[www.c-cats.org](http://www.c-cats.org)

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\* North Carolina Society  
Of Hispanic Professionals

The NCSHP offers scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2500 to recent graduates who are of Hispanic /Latino background.

Winners must enroll in a degree program at a community college or a 2 or 4 year college/university & be committed to public service. Must submit an application. Come by the counseling center.

Hello Students and Parents,

I am so very pleased to introduce myself as the new counselor in the Counseling Center at Tuscola. I have been working in the elementary schools for Haywood County School System for the past four years. Moving up to the high school level is wonderful with so much to learn and do.

Our family moved to Haywood County 14 years ago, and after having grown up in Atlanta, Georgia, I am reminded with each season change, how very lucky we are to make our home in one of the most beautiful areas in our country.

As your school counselor, I promise to work diligently to guide you through your high school journey. My desire is for each and every one of you to know the feeling of walking across the stage on your graduation date and receive a diploma that was greatly deserved.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to call me at the counseling center.

- Valerie Ward, M.Ed., NCC



### **ATTENTION!**

**Tuscola High School will hold it's annual Future Planning Night, Tuesday, Nov. 30th from 6—7:00pm in the auditorium.**

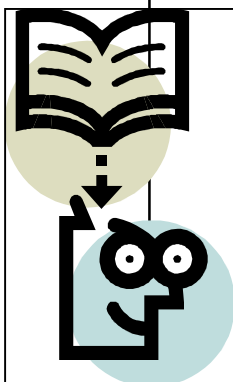
**The Opportunity Fair will be held from 7—7:30pm in the gym. Representatives from community colleges, four-year colleges, the military, and our local**

**Employment agency will be there.**

**Come and Plan for Your Future!!**

## 9th & 10th Grade school planning timeline suggested by CFNC.org - check it out.

1. It's time to get serious about your after high school plans.
2. Maintain &/or develop excellent study habits.
3. Think about and act on possible positive character changes. It matters.
4. Talk to ***everyone*** about your after high school plans. Ask them about their experience.
5. Use the internet to help you learn about your options. Knowledge is free at your school library as well as our public library.



6. Find out about the courses you will want to take to get you ahead of the game if college/university is in your plans.
7. Learn about your options and develop a plan for each one, see your high school counselor for guidance.
8. Open an account on CFNC.org to record your progress. Keep track of your name and password.
9. Know when to ask for help. Visit your school counselor's office and

check out all of the information available to you.

10. Explore your interests and personality style through assessments available on CFNC.org
11. Realize that you will change as you grow & mature, but, it's always best to have a plan to change than to not have a plan at all.
12. And, remember to get enough education to do the job you want to do. Dreaming big starts here.

More "FYI" = For Your Information-

- Annual American Legion Oratorical Contest

Open to 9 — 12 graders; 8—10 minute speech on an aspect of the U.S. Constitution. Winners could receive college scholarships of \$3,500 & up to \$ 18,000 at the national level. Deadline to submit an entry to Haywood Co. Am. Legion is Dec. 17, 2010. See Mrs. Ward for details.

**Success is Believing in Yourself, then convincing everyone else that you're right.**

### \*Summer Ventures in Science and Mathematics

SVSM is a state supported initiative. As a four week long summer program, it is offered at no-program costs for participants. Deadline to receive applications is Jan. 31, 2011. See your counselor for details.

### Driver's Ed.

#### - What's Up?



In 1998 N.C. instated a law in effort to motivate and encourage students to complete high school. A student will need to have a Driving Eligibility Certificate in order to receive a N.C. driver's permit or license. A student must pass 5 out of 6 courses each semester ( 3 out of 4, if the school is on a 4 x 4 block) Students who do not meet this criteria will be reported to DMV & will have their driving privileges revoked. Now don't you want to stay in school and make good grades? U Can!