

Tuscola High School

Junior Newsletter

May 2009



RIISING SENIOR NIGHT

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND, 6:00 P.M.

(PRESENTATIONS WILL START AT 6:30 P.M.)

IN THE TUSCOLA AUDITORIUM

The senior year can be a very overwhelming year. Students' common questions are: "When do I take the SAT? When should I start applying for college? How can I get scholarships? What is the FAFSA?"

I am sure there are many, many more questions. I would like to answer these questions before we get into the senior year by having a "Rising Senior Night".

Please contact Joy Sollie at 456-2408 ext 113 or

jsollie@haywood.k12.nc.us if you have any questions.

Upcoming Opportunities

**Campbell University
Open House:** May 16.
Call 1-800-334-4111
ext. 1290.

**Miss North Carolina
Teen USA:** www.missnorthcarolina-teenusa.com.
(Full Academic
Scholarship to High
Point).

**Free Enterprise
Leadership Challenge:**
www.jessehelmscenter.org/programs/felc.asp.

American Legion Student Trooper Program

Cadets will participate in a wide variety of instructional sessions. They will learn the use of police skills, including drug detection, firearms safety, and precision driving, just to name a few. Please sign up in the Counseling Center, if you are interested in learning more.



GETTING READY FOR SENIOR YEAR

- ⌚ Narrow down college choices, and learn more about colleges of interest in terms of majors offered, cost, scholarship opportunities, etc.
- ⌚ Visit colleges of interest and get an idea of what works for you—small, large, public, private, urban, rural, etc. Meet with an admissions counselor to find out more about the college and what that particular setting can offer you.
- ⌚ If you are considering military academies or ROTC scholarships, contact your counselor before leaving school for the summer. If you want a four-year ROTC scholarship, you should begin the application process the summer before your senior year.
- ⌚ **Make sure you have all requirements for the colleges which interest you.** Some out of state colleges may have different requirements such as 3 units of a foreign language or an arts credit.
- ⌚ **Also consider North Carolina Academic Scholars requirements if this is an honor you wish to obtain.**
- ⌚ If you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse, make sure to request a transcript for NCAA Clearinghouse
- ⌚ Participate in volunteer work, full-time or part-time job, summer camp, or summer college program.
- ⌚ Continue updating your Portfolio of Activities.
- ⌚ Download applications from colleges to which you will apply. **Check application dates**—large universities may have early dates or rolling admissions.

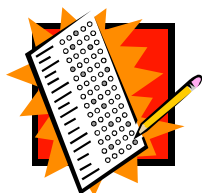
**Check It
Out!!!**

WWW.CFNC.ORG

**College
Foundation
of North Carolina**

Fall SAT Dates

- ▶ **October 10th, 2009**
- ▶ **November 7th, 2009**
- ▶ **December 5th, 2009**



Register online at www.collegeboard.com or pick up a registration packet in the Counseling Center. Test Preparation Booklets are also available in the Counseling Center as well as CFNC.org!

Boys' State

This is a one-week summer opportunity for young men 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 of North Carolina. Sign up in the Counseling Center if you are interested in learning more.



Application Information

Early Decision vs. Early Action

- ☑ Early Decisions are binding which means that the student who is accepted as an Early Decision Applicant must attend that college.
- ☑ Early Action is non-binding which means that the student receives an early response to their application but they do not have to commit to that college.

Applying early to colleges can be good if:

- 📁 you have researched colleges extensively,
- 📁 the school is a good match for you academically, socially, geographically, etc.,
- 📁 you meet the admissions requirements of the college
- 📁 and it can save you stress, time, and expense.

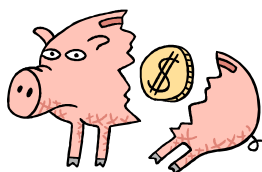
However, applying to early admissions deadlines may have drawbacks such as:

- ⇒ pressure to make a decision,
- ⇒ not allowing you to consider financial aid options at other schools,
- ⇒ if you are not accepted by your early decision school, you may not have adequate time to prepare other applications.

This and other information about the application process can be found at www.collegeboard.com

Scholarship Information

Most scholarships will not be available until the fall, but here are some resources to get you started with the scholarship search process.



www.collegeboard.com
www.cfnc.org
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Scholarship information will be available in the Counseling Center and through announcements next year. Our web page also contains a scholarship database:
www.ths.haywood.k12.nc.us

ROTC Scholarships

Rising seniors are now eligible to apply for scholarships through the Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Army. The program is for any student who qualifies, and students **do not** have to be in JROTC to apply!

Make The Most Of Your Senior Year!!!

- 📖 **Continue Exploring Career & College Options!**
- 📖 **Self-Reflect—take time to think about your interests, strengths, weaknesses, accomplishments, & goals!**
- 📖 **Keep track of important dates!**
- 📖 **Continue making good grades!**
- 📖 **See your counselor to help plan for career, college, and scholarship opportunities!**

