

Senior Newsletter 5

November 22, 2011

It is almost December and many of our seniors are getting acceptance letters from colleges and universities. **Congratulations to those who have been accepted!** Please see your counselor if you need additional help with the college application process.

The next step is paying for college. Please be ready to fill out the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.gov. You may submit the FAFSA any time after January 1, 2012. Important steps to be ready:

- File your 2011 federal tax forms as early as possible.
- Get your FAFSA PIN numbers-one for the student and one for a parent at www.pin.ed.gov
- Complete the 2012-2013 FAFSA on the Web Worksheet at www.fafsa.gov.
- Attend a FAFSA day event on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 9 a.m. until noon to receive help completing the FAFSA. For more information, to register, or to find a location near you, visit www.CFNC.org/FAFSADay or call toll free at 866-866-CFNC

(Please see updated scholarship list below)

If you have a question about the information in the senior newsletter please email Mercia_Barringer@catawbaschools.net.

Contact Information

It is important to know your counselor. Listed below are the emails and the alphabet section served by each counselor. School phone: 256-9841

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College Entrance Tests

Our school CEEB code is 341-825. This code is requested on college applications and SAT registration.

SAT 2011-2012 Testing Schedule: website to register: www.collegeboard.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline(\$49)</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline(\$75)</u>
January 28	December 30	January 13
March 10	February 10	February 24
May 5	April 6	April 20
June 2	May 8	May 22

ACT 2011-2012 Testing Schedule: website to register: www.actstudent.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline*(\$49.50)</u>	<u>Late Registration(\$70.50)</u>
February 11	January 13	January 14-20
April 14	March 9	March 10-23
June 9	May 4	May 5-18

*ACT Plus Writing

SAT and ACT fee waivers are available for students who are on free/reduced lunch or have significant financial circumstances. Fee waivers do not cover late fees. Please see your counselor for a waiver.

Student Athletes

Do you want to participate in NCAA Division I or II athletics?

You must register at www.eligibilitycenter.org. If you have received a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT then you may be eligible for the NCAA fee waiver. See your counselor if you have questions.

Scholarships

The counseling office does not encourage or recommend that you pay for assistance with scholarship searches. We will post websites of free services. You may want to use:

www.cfnc.org, www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, www.schoolsoup.com,
www.collegexpress.com/

(Updated 11-22-11) ***Current Scholarship List***

1. African American Scholarship Opportunities-There are companies and organizations that have donated moneys for scholarship use to African Americans. Please pick up a list of scholarships in the counseling office.
2. Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA)- The AFA Teens for Alzheimer's Awareness College Scholarship Essay **deadline is February 15**. The AFA Teens Video Competition deadline is Dec. 1st. For more information and applications, visit www.afateens.org or call (toll-free) 866-AFA-8484.
3. American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program-The purpose of The American Legion Scholarship program "A Constitutional Speech Contest" is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. For more information look on the Legion Web site at www.legion.org or see Mrs. Barringer in counseling. **March 12 deadline**.
4. AXA Achievement/Community Scholarship-Are you active in your community? Have you led a project that benefits others? Have you overcome personal challenges? Learn more and apply online at www.axa-achievement.com by **February 1**.
5. Create a Greeting Card \$10,000 Scholarship Contest-Students must submit a unique photo, piece of artwork, or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card. To enter students must go the following website: <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>. **January 14 deadline**.
6. Daughters of the American Revolution Christopher Columbus essay Contest-Title of essay: "Christopher Columbus: In his own time, in history, and today" between 800-1200 words, **deadline to submit the essay is Dec. 3rd**. Please see Mrs. Barringer for a guideline sheet. Monetary award only at the national level.
7. East Tennessee State University-Regional Scholarships-Apply online at www.etsu.edu/scholarships. **Application deadline: March 1**.
8. Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship-Application deadline is **December 2**. Please come to the counseling office for an application.
9. Gates Millennium Scholars-This is a need-based, merit scholarship for African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American or Hispanic American students. Must have a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.3 and demonstrated leadership abilities. **Apply online by Jan 11** at www.gmsp.org.

10. Imagine America Scholarship Program-Seniors can apply **online after January 1, 2012** at www.imagine-america.org by selecting Education Scholarships, High School Students and Apply.

11. John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest-For complete guidelines go to the website at www.jfklibrary.org. All students must register online and submit essays by **January 2, 2012**.

12. KFC Colonel's Scholars-To qualify seniors must: have GPA of 2.75, enroll in a public college or university within their state of legal residence, plan to pursue a bachelor's degree, be a US citizen or permanent resident, and demonstrate financial need. Apply online between **Dec. 1, 2011 and February 8, 2012** at www.kfcscholars.org.

13. King's College Scholarship-Students who plan to attend King's College in Charlotte, N.C.- On Saturday **January 7, 2012** King's College will award four \$5,000 scholarships to the four highest scorers on their general knowledge exam.

14. Michael A. DeMayo Scholarship- Students must submit a presentation on the prevention of underage drinking and driving. Presentations may be in the form of: video, power point, brochure/booklet, website, or essay. Please see Mrs. Barringer for an application or go to the website at www.DeMayoLaw.com and click on the Community Service tab, then Scholarship Program and 2012 Scholarship Application. **Deadline is Feb. 27, 2012**.

15. National Co-Op Scholarship Program-To be eligible for the scholarship you must apply and be admitted to one of their seven WACE Partner Institutions listed below:

Drexel University, Johnson & Wales University, Kettering University, Rochester Institute of Technology, University of Cincinnati, University of Toledo, and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Apply online at www.co-op.edu. **Application deadline is February 15.**

16. North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) scholarship opportunities-**March deadline**. Please see Mrs. Barringer if you would like more information.

17. North Carolina State USBC Association, Inc. Youth Scholarship-Eligibility: must be a current member of the NCS USBCA and bowling in a certified USBC North Carolina youth league, file a completed application with the Association Manager of the NCS USBCA-must be **postmarked no later than March 1**, must have unimpaired amateur standing in bowling. Please see Mrs. Barringer for an application or download from the following website: www.ncbowls.com.

18. Professional Construction Estimators Association (PCEA) (Ken N. Houston Memorial Scholarship)-For students pursuing careers in construction management, civil

engineering, architecture, drafting, and related fields. Please see Mrs. Barringer for an application. **Deadline to apply is April 20th.**

19. Robertson Scholars Program at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. All students who wish to be considered for the program must also complete admissions applications to Duke and/or UNC-Chapel Hill. If you are interested in learning more, please sign up to receive materials directly at <http://tinyurl.com/robertsonmailinglist>. **Deadline is Dec. 1.**

20. Ronald McDonald House Charities U.S. Scholarship Program- Seeks to invest in students who are exemplary role models in their communities. Apply online at www.rmhc.org by **January 27, 2012.**

21. Sallie Southhall Cotton Scholarship- Applicants must be in the upper fourth of the class and show financial need from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and attend a post secondary school in North Carolina. Please see Mrs. Barringer for an application. All applications should be completed by **January 14th, 2012.**

22. SunTrust off to College Scholarship Sweepstakes-\$1,000 Scholarship for students- Enter online at oftocollege.info. One winner will be chosen every 2 weeks from **Oct.28, 2011-May 11, 2012.**

23. United Daughters of the Confederacy- Students must be lineal descendents of worthy Confederate soldiers. Interested students should call Patricia Rivera at 828-879-2258 or write her at 6861 Old Laurel Road, Hickory, NC 28602. She will discuss it with you and provide the application. She must talk to students and not parents. **Deadline for entry is February 1, 2012.**

24. Universal Technical Institute- Technician Scholarship to UTI, applicants must shoot a video and show why they deserve a technician scholarship to UTI. **Contest open until November 30.** For more information, including complete rules and instructions, to see last year's winning videos, and to submit your video or vote for winners go to Facebook.com/UTIFoundation.

25. University of Dayton in Ohio-SSHS can nominate one senior who plans to attend the University of Dayton. Please see Mrs. Barringer if you are applying to this school. **Deadline is February 15, 2012.**

26. Wake Forest University-Randall D. Ledford Scholarship II in Physics-To apply: Complete the Wake Forest University application for admission and include a brief letter asking to be considered for the Ledford Scholarship describing how you became interested in science. Please include one letter of recommendation from a science teacher and mail to Ledford Scholarship, Dpt. of Physics, Olin Physical Laboratory, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-7507. **The deadline is January 1, 2012.**

Open Houses, Informational Sessions, Admissions Counselors at SSHS

November 30th-Brevard College Representative in SSHS cafeteria during all lunches.