

Senior Newsletter 6

December 19, 2011

Half of your senior year is almost over. Just like *Santa*, you need to check your list not once, but twice to make sure all is completed:

Senior Checklist

- __ College applications completed and all supplemental documents such as transcripts, letters of recommendation, SAT/ACT scores, and counselor statements have been mailed or sent electronically to the college/colleges in which you applied.
- __ Cap and Gown plus graduation invitations ordered.
- __ Obtain a FAFSA PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov.
- __ Register for FAFSA Day at CFNC.org/FAFSADay or call toll free at 866-866-CFNC.
- __ Check out these websites for financial aid information: Guide to Federal Student Aid at www.studentaid.ed.gov/guide and Financial Aid Calculators at www.finaid.org/calculators.
- __ Continue or begin filling out scholarship applications. It takes time to search and fill out scholarship applications. Check this newsletter, your college, and parent's place of employment for possibilities.
- __ If needed, register for the Jan. 28 SAT by Dec. 30
- __ Study for 1st semester final exams and finish with high grades.
- __ Let your counselor know if your college needs a mid year transcript or report. Improved grades may help you gain admission.

(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

Test Date	Registration Deadline(\$49)	Late Registration Deadline(\$75)
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

Test Date	Registration Deadline*(\$49.50)	Late Registration(\$70.50)
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 12-19-11) ***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. East Tennessee State University-Regional Scholarships-Apply online at www.etsu.edu/scholarships. **Application deadline: March 1.**
7. 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.
8. IFLuRtz/ELR Scholarship Program-Download applications at www.iflurtz.com/scholarships. Students must have exceptional accomplishments in the following 6 categories: leadership, arts/culture/recreation, community/volunteerism, business/entrepreneurship, science/technology, and government/politics. Nominations close **July 30th 2012.**
9. 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.
10. 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.**
11. 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.
12. 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. Students may register by calling the admissions office at (704) 372-0266 or 1-800-768-2255.
13. 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.**

14. 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.**

15. "Need A Lift?" This is an electronic booklet updated annually to serve as a complete financial-aid reference guide to veterans, veterans' dependents and members of the American Legion family. Go to www.needalift.org.

16. N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA)-There are several classes of scholarship eligibility. Interested students should contact their local Veterans Service Office by visiting <http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/locations/>. The application must be received in the Assistant Secretary's Office on or before **March 1st**.

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

18. 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.

19. 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**.

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. StudentScholarships.org provides scholarship information to students from North Carolina. Please go to <http://www.studentscholarships.org/scholarship.php> to apply for the following scholarships: **NHS Scholarship Program-Deadline Jan. 20, Davidson Fellows Scholarships-Deadline Feb. 1, The Grand Scholarship-Deadline March 1, Odenza Marketing Scholarship-Deadline March 30, Vancouver Restaurant Scholarship-May 30, Healthy Lifestyles Scholarship-Deadline May 30, Big Dog Scholarship-Deadline June 1, Man Mac Automatic Scholarship-June 15.**

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

24. 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.**

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.**