

Senior Newsletter 2

September 21, 2010

Senior Parent Night this Thursday, September 23 in the St. Stephens Cafeteria. Get the information you need to transition into college or careers after high school.

College Night is Thursday, October 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the CVCC Multipurpose Bldg. All juniors and seniors planning on continuing their education after graduation are encouraged to attend to speak with admission representatives. Representatives from public, private, community, and technical colleges will be in attendance.

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

St. Stephens High School will participate in the statewide College Application Day sponsored by CFNC on Tuesday, November 16. During this event, students may apply to many independent colleges and receive a fee waiver. Watch for further announcements about this in the coming newsletters.

* The SAT is scheduled for the following dates:

October 9 (regular registration through 9/10 – late registration 9/24)
November 6 (regular registration through 10/8 – late registration 10/22)
December 4 (regular registration through 11/5 – late registration 11/119)
January 22 (regular registration through 12/23 – late registration 1/7)
March 12 (regular registration through 2/11 – late registration 2/25)
May 7 (regular registration through 4/8 – late registration 4/22)
June 4 (regular registration through 5/6 – late registration 5/20)

Applications are available in the Counseling Office or register online at www.collegeboard.com. Applying on-line is the recommended method.

Seniors planning to attend a four-year college or university should plan to take the October 9 administration of the SAT.

If you are on free or reduced lunch or have significant financial circumstances that would affect your ability to pay for the SAT, see your counselor for a fee waiver. Fee waivers do not cover late fees.

* The ACT is offered on the following dates:

October 23 (regular registration through 9/17 – late registration 10/1)

December 11 (regular registration through 11/5 – late registration 11/19)

February 12 (regular registration through 1/7 – late registration 1/21)

April 9 (regular registration through 3/4 – late registration 3/18)

June 11 (regular registration through 5/6 – late registration 5/20)

Booklets are available in Guidance. For information and registration go to www.actstudent.org.

NCAA

Students interested in playing sports during college should have already registered with the NCAA Eligibility Center (at www.eligibilitycenter.org) For information regarding the rules, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting" or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Transcripts

If you need a transcript, there is a blue form in the Counseling Office. You need either to turn in stamp(s) with your request or request the transcript be signed and sealed and returned to you for mailing.

The Counseling Office does not encourage or recommend that you pay for assistance with scholarship searches. We will post websites of free services.

Two legitimate free search services are:

www.fastweb.com. This site collects information from you about your interests and then e-mails you about scholarship offerings. It is a free service with some commercial advertising attached.

www.cfnc.org. This is the College Foundation of North Carolina site. This website gives counselors, educators, parents, and seventh through 12th grade student's access to resources for career options, colleges, scholarships, and other means of funding.

New Scholarships:

United Daughters of the Confederacy has undergraduate scholarships available for students who are lineal descendents of Confederate soldiers. If interested please contact Patricia Rivera at (828) 879-2258.

The Ayn Rand Institute – offers two essay contests for seniors who will be enrolled full-time at an accredited higher education institution including community colleges, colleges, and universities. Applications are due mid-spring 2011. For application requirements, go to <http://www.aynrand.org/site>.

North Carolina Hispanic College Fund awards scholarships between \$500 and \$2,500 to high school seniors who are of Hispanic/Latino background. Eligibility criteria includes a 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale (unweighted). Application packets are available in the Counseling Office and are due by January 15,

2011.

Emory University is accepting nominations for the Emory Scholars or Goizuetta Scholars. If interested in pursuing a nomination to this university, please contact Ms. Kummer by November 1. For more information about Emory Scholars, visit www.emory.edu/admission/scholars.

Davidson College invites nominations for the John Montgomery Belk Scholarship valued at \$47,179 for students who demonstrate intellectual and personal achievement. If interested in this nomination, please see Ms. Kummer by November 1. Students nominated must submit a completed application no later than December 1, 2010.

Previously Announced Scholarships:

Morehead-Cain-UNC Chapel Hill 10/1/10
Wendy's Heisman 10/3/10
Levine Scholarship-UNC Charlotte 10/4/10
Park Scholarship-NC State University 11/1/10
Thomas Wolfe Scholarship-UNC-CH 11/1/10
Gates-Millennium 1/20/10
Davis Fellowship-Hampton-Sydney College
Child of Veterans Scholarship

***College Open Houses:**

North Carolina A&T is sponsoring a Teaching Fellows Application Workshop on Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To register, contact Andrea Parker at alparke1@ncat.edu.

Washington & Lee University from Lexington, Virginia will be visiting the Charlotte area on Sunday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Charlotte SouthPark Hotel. Go to www.wlu.edu for more information.

Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina will host its Fall Open House on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in attending, please see Ms. Kummer by Friday, October 8.

Washington University in St. Louis invites you to meet with a representative of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions on Sunday, 10/10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park. For additional information call 1-800-638-0700.

Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia – 10/23. To register, complete the online form at www.ehc.edu.

Virginia Commonwealth School of the Arts – 10/16, 11/6, & 2/5. Visit www.vcu.edu/arts/visit for more information.

Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering is sponsoring an open house to welcome prospective engineering students on Saturday, October 2 from 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. To RSVP, visit www.admissions.duke.edu.

NC State University's Open House will be held on Saturday, October 16, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 p.m. For information go to www.ncsu.edu/openhouse.

United States Naval Academy is presenting an Admission Forum on Sunday, October 3 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Convention Center. If interested, register for this event at www.USNA.EDU/ADMISSIONS.

The PGA Golf Management Program at Campbell University is having a PGA Golf Visitation Day Friday, November 12. Sign up by going to: www.campbell.edu/pgagm.

***Early Graduation:**

Seniors interested in Early Graduation in January, please see your counselor in the counseling office and pick up the Request for Early Graduation as soon as possible.

* SSHS has five counselors. Listed below are your counselors' names and the alphabet for which they are responsible.

B-D Mrs. Ratchford

E-I Ms. Mills

J-M Mrs. Stracener

N-S Mrs. Sherrill

A, T-Z Ms. Kummer

If you have a question about the Senior E-Mail or a specific scholarship, contact Raeanne Kummer at Raeanne_Kummer@catawbaschools.net