

Pisgah High School Senior Newsletter

September 2013

Pisgah High School Counseling Center, 1 Black Bear Drive, Canton, NC 28716

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COMING EVENTS: Mark your calendar!

- **Monday, Sept. 9** is “College Night” at Haywood Community College 6:00-7:30. This is a great opportunity to meet over forty 2-year and 4-year, public and private college representatives in one location! (Come by the PHS counselors’ table to say hello and sign up for door prizes!) College representatives will also be available Thursday, Sept. 12 at UNC Asheville. A complete list of colleges planning to attend is on the Counseling Center bulletin board.

Note: Plan to take notes! Dress professionally; you would be surprised how many representatives will actually remember meeting you! It’s okay to take a “resume” or list of activities, your tentative college major, and your contact information. Bring a folder to organize and carry home brochures, application packets, etc.

- **Monday, Sept. 16: Pisgah High School Open House, 6—7:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24: Senior Picture Make-up Day.** See Mrs. Ensley for details!
- **Friday, Sept. 27 :** All **Senior Ads** (purchased by families) for yearbook are due to Mrs. Ensley.

Opportunities at MAHEC:

**Mountain Area Health Education Center,
121 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC**

- **College Planning: Real Solutions and Strategies for Everyone**, September 11, 6 to 7 PM (Free!)
- **ACT Prep Strategies Workshop**, October 24, 6 to 8:30 PM (\$15 fee)
- **SAT Prep Strategies**, October 26 and October 27 (\$65 fee)
- Financial Aid for College, November 13, 6 to 7 PM. (Free!)
- **How to Study / College Scholarships** (Two sessions), November 14, 6:30 to 9 PM (Free!)

For more information or to register, call (828) 257-4461 or (828) 257-4479. Families and students planning to attend are expected to register in advance.

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(Now what do I do?)

First Semester:

- **Review your schedule with your counselor to make sure you are meeting graduation requirements.**
- **Register for SAT or ACT exams (if needed).**
- **Narrow your choice of colleges (usually 3-5). Attend college fairs, visit campuses, and research online.**
- **Get those applications done! Type or use black ink IF you choose not to complete online. Proof-read carefully, and keep copies of everything! (Try to get everything mailed by Thanksgiving!)**
- **Ask teachers/counselor to complete recommendations (if necessary) at least 2 weeks before deadline.**
- **Complete “Transcript Release Form” (signed by parent if you aren’t 18 yet) and return to Mrs. Hardin.**
- **Contact financial aid offices (by phone or e-mail) to ask what they require.**

Scholarship Information:

- **Morehead-Cain Scholarship** (*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*): Students who demonstrate exceptional “moral force of character, scholarship, physical vigor, and leadership” should see Mrs. Lawing! Learn more at <http://www.moreheadcain.org/>
- **Park Scholarship** (*North Carolina State*): Students possessing outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character should see Mrs. Mills! More information is available at <http://park.ncsu.edu/>
- **Roan Scholars Leadership Program** (*East Tennessee State*): Applicants are expected to demonstrate exemplary character, leadership, scholarship, and physical activity. Interested students should see Mrs. Heinz! Learn more at <http://www.etsu.edu/scholarships/us/roanscholars.aspx>
- **Levine Scholars** (*UNC-Charlotte*): Includes full tuition, room/board/fees, laptop, summer opportunities, and honors classes. Applicants typically have a 3.8-4.0 GPA and 1900-2400 (all 3 sections) SAT or 29-36 ACT and a record of community service/leadership. Please go to <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu> for more information. Interested students should let his/her counselor know by **October 13**.
- **Belk Scholarship** (*Davidson College*): Learn more about this competitive scholarship at www.davidson.edu. Interested students should let his/her counselor know by **October 25**.
- **Bryan Scholarship** (*Davidson College*): Scholar athletes should learn more at www.davidson.edu. Talk with your coach no later than **September 13**.
- Students interested in studying engineering at **Auburn University** AND pursuing a career in the pulp and paper industry should see his/her counselor as soon as possible about a scholarship opportunity.
- **UNCG in 3 Opportunity**: This program has been created to give students the opportunity to graduate in 3 years (and save about \$8000), receive priority registration for courses, and have a UNCG in 3 advisor. Applicants must choose one of the 20 participating majors and *should* have a minimum of 12 college transfer credit hours (AP, Community College, or Early College—but there are other options including summer prior to fall semester). Information is available online at uncgin3@uncg.edu or you may call (336)-334-3929.
- **Berea College**: Berea charges no tuition and admits only academically promising students, *primarily* from Appalachia (but more than 60 countries are typically represented!), who can document limited economic resources. Berea’s cost of educating a student exceeds \$23,000/year, but all students work at least 10 hours per week in campus and service jobs in more than 130 departments. More information is available at www.berea.edu.
- **Cappex Scholarships**: Cappex.com is giving away thousands of dollars in scholarships. To apply, fill out a free profile, visit the scholarships tab, and click apply. Scholarships will be given to students with well-rounded profiles, so don’t hold back on the details.

PLEASE SEE YOUR COUNSELOR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!

CONTACT BY PHONE / E-MAIL (or check out websites) ANY SCHOOLS OF INTEREST TO INQUIRE ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WHICH YOU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE OR TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FINANCIAL AID PROCESS!

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continued**

Second Semester:

- **If you are planning to apply for financial aid, you should complete the FAFSA between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15. Completing your family’s income tax returns first is helpful!**
- **Complete applications for scholarships, loans, and grants.**
- **Start receiving letters of acceptance to colleges. You may have some tough choices to make!**
- **Continue to work hard in your classes. Colleges DO look at second semester’s transcript!**

Counselors will be calling in seniors in small groups throughout the month to talk about your future plans, answer any questions you may have, and see how we can help!

Please NOTE:

- **ALL applications should be typed or completed NEATLY in black ink.**
- Please follow ALL directions; for example, make sure you include letters of recommendation or any additional documentation, if requested.
- It is always a good idea to make a photocopy of an important application, complete it in pencil, and proofread carefully BEFORE completing your final copy.
- **Spelling, punctuation, and grammar absolutely do count!**
- **Make deadlines!** Note whether it is a “received” deadline or a “postmarked” deadline, whether the application is to be returned online, to the school counseling center, or directly to the funding agency.

If I am planning to attend college, do I need to take a TEST?

- *If you are planning to attend a four-year college or university*, you will need to take either the **SAT** or the **ACT**. Check the college's website to see which one is preferred, but most look at both—and some students think they do better on one test or the other.

Colleges and scholarship programs usually take your best score (and research has shown that students who take it again—especially during senior year—typically improve), so it can be to your advantage to take it more than once!

- *If you are planning to attend a two-year college*, you will need to take the **Ac-cuplacer**. You may call Haywood Community College at 627-4607 for an appointment. There is no fee for this exam, and your scores can be sent to other community colleges. For more information (including sample questions!) go to <http://www.haywood.edu/testing>.

- Free review booklets for both SAT and ACT are also available in the counseling center while supplies last! Online review is also available at the SAT and ACT websites as well as www.cfnc.org.
- See your counselor if you think you might qualify for a fee waiver for either the SAT or the ACT!
- WRITE DOWN YOUR USER NAME AND PASSWORD so that you can access scores or registration information again when needed!
- Students will be expected to electronically submit a photograph of themselves—which will appear on their admission ticket. Guidelines regarding appropriate photos are available online and in the counseling center.
- PLEASE see your counselor if you prefer a paper registration form OR if you have ANY questions!
- You do NOT need to sign up for an SAT "Subject Test" unless the school to which you applying specifically asks you to do so!

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The best way to prepare and register for the **SAT** is to go to their website at sat.collegeboard.org.

You can find sample questions, test preparation tips, assistance with registration, and test dates and locations. Don't wait! Deadlines for test registration are usually about one month before the test!

SAT Dates (First Semester):

- Saturday, October 5.
Registration deadline September 6.
- Saturday, November 2.
Registration deadline October 3.
- Saturday, December 7.
Registration deadline November 8.

Registration fee for SAT is \$51.

The easiest way to prepare and register for the **ACT** is to go online to www.actstudent.org.

Online registration for the SAT or the ACT is helpful because you can then view scores online, make additions to your score reports, etc.

ACT Dates (First Semester):

- Saturday, October 26.
Registration deadline September 27.
- Saturday, December 14 (AT PISGAH!)
Registration deadline November 8.

Registration fee for ACT Plus Writing is \$52.50.

OPEN HOUSE!

An “Open House” is an excellent way to visit a college campus and learn about special programs offered there.

Following are dates we have at this time:

- **UNCA Open House:** Saturdays, **September 28** and **November 9**. You must register at www.unca.edu/admission/visit/open-house.
- **Western Carolina Open House:** Saturdays, **September 14** and **November 9**. You must register at www.wcu.edu/about-wcu/visit-wcu/open-house/index.asp
- **Appalachian State Open House:** Saturday, **September 21**. Register at <http://openhouse.appstate.edu>.
- **NC State Open House:** Saturday, **October 19**. Register at admission.ncsu.edu/event/university-open-house/.
- **East Tennessee State Open House:** Saturday, **November 2**. For more information about this event or to schedule a campus tour any Monday—Friday (9 am—1 pm), please call (423) 439-4213 or (800)462-3878

Your school not listed here? Check out the school’s website or call the admissions office!

PHS COUNSELING CENTER

Mrs. Mills: Last names A-G

Mrs. Lawing: Last names H-O

Mrs. Heinz: Last names P-Z

Mrs. Hardin: Guidance Secretary

Mrs. Ray: Career Development

Mrs. Sorrells: School Social Worker

Mrs. Clark: School Nurse

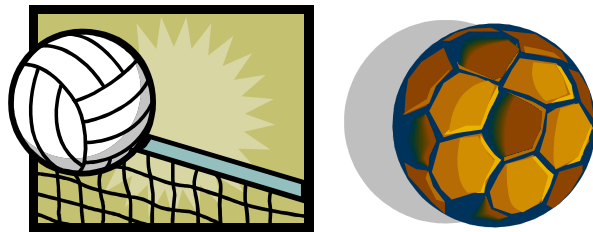
ATTENTION Senior Athletes:

Students interested in playing college Division I or Division II sports next year must certify academic and athletic credentials with the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)** at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

You might also want to check out the **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)** at www.PlayNAIA.org.

If you have questions, you may talk with your coach or counselor; you may also wish to call your college of interest!

Again, if this is something you are considering, you must REGISTER NOW!



Helpful Hint: You will probably be registering for tests online, applying to colleges (and later, scholarships) online, and (eventually) completing your FAFSA online. You may want to purchase a small spiral notebook to record all of your user name and password information. Some students choose to save them in a document on their phone. Whatever you decide is best for you, don’t wait: Save all those codes NOW! You will need to access them later on!

Haywood County Schools Character Trait for September:

RESPONSIBILITY

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.” —Anthony Robbins