

# Saura Scoop

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South Stokes

Counseling Department

## Cognitive Abilities Test – Thursday, September 20

All **freshmen** will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test next Thursday during 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period. The Cognitive Abilities Test is an aptitude test that measures students' reasoning abilities in verbal, mathematical, and nonverbal areas. There are no preparations that students can do at home to prepare for the test.

Most students will test with their 1<sup>st</sup> period classes. Students will test receive their test room assignments before the day of the test.

## NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Governor's School is a six-week summer residential program for academically talented **juniors**. Nominees in visual and performing arts (including chorus, band, and dance) are also eligible for consideration. All applicants must meet stiff academic requirements. If you are interested in learning more about Governor's School or about whether you qualify to apply, visit [www.ncgovschool.org](http://www.ncgovschool.org) or see Mrs. Cheek. We will be receiving applications for Governor's School soon and nominated, qualified students will be notified.

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## PSAT REGISTRATION

**A CHEAP, EASY PAY TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE  
ADMISSIONS TESTS!**

**Sophomores and juniors planning to apply to four-year colleges and universities are strongly encouraged to sign up for the PSAT that will be administered here at South Stokes in October. In addition to being a great, inexpensive way to practice for the SAT, it is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program for juniors. Juniors, if you took the test last year, you should sign up again to help boost your scores on the SAT and possibly qualify for scholarship monies.**

**The PSAT costs \$14 and students interested in taking the test should sign up in the Counseling Office by September 28. Fee waivers are available to juniors who meet eligibility requirements as well. Freshmen may also take the test if they are interested in getting a head start on preparing for college admissions tests. If you have any questions, please see the counselors.**

## COLLEGE FAIR!

South Stokes will be hosting a College Fair on Wednesday, October 3, during the school day. **Juniors** and seniors will attend and should do some preliminary research on the colleges they are interested in to be able to ask questions of the representatives that are present. Parents are also invited to attend the event which will be held from 11:00 am - 12:00 Noon.



## MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Students interested in attending any of the United States military academies should start planning to apply during their junior year. Admission is competitive and requires nomination by elected officials. U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan will host a Military Service Academy Day on Saturday, September 22 at Forsyth Technical Community College beginning at 8:30 am. Representatives from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy will also be present. For more information, please see Mrs. Cheek.

# \$\$\$ MONEY FOR COLLEGE \$\$\$



## Create-A-Greeting-Card Scholarship Contest

Students may win \$10,000 towards their education in this 6<sup>th</sup> Annual contest. Students must submit a unique photo, piece of artwork, or computer graphic for the front of a greeting card. The student with the best design will win \$10,000. For more information, go to

[www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm](http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm).

Submissions are due by January 16, 2013.



## Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program

The Walnut Cove Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is sponsoring its annual Voice of Democracy scholarship program. The competition is open to all high school students at South Stokes and the local winner will receive \$100 cash and move on to the district, state, and national competitions for more prize money. Students compete by writing and recording a speech on this year's theme: *Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?* Students interested in competing should obtain an entry form from Mrs. Cheek.



*"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."*

~Bill Cosby

## United States Senate Youth Scholarship

Juniors who serve as SGA officers or representatives and those who serve as student representatives to district, regional, or state-level civic or educational organizations are eligible to apply for the United States Senate Youth Scholarship. Students interested in pursuing careers in public service are encouraged to apply to become one of two North Carolina representatives to attend the program's Washington Week experience March 9-16, 2013. The students selected will hear major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, and directors from other federal agencies. In addition, the students will receive \$5,000 in scholarship money! For more information see Mrs. Cheek for application information. You can also read more at <http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/>.



## ATTENTION STUDENT ATHLETES!

South Stokes High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements. Check out the [ATHLETICS](#) page on the school website to learn more about this tool and additional resources including a free recruiting webinar.