

# Counselor



"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

~ ~ Milton Berle

## Connection

# Senior Parent Meeting

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend a parent meeting on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30. The meeting will be held in the South Stokes Media Center and is an excellent time to gather information and ask questions about what you need to accomplish this year in order to be ready for graduation, college, or careers. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Sawyer.

## SCHOLARSHIPS



**The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship** – For the aspiring creative writing majors who want to attend UNC-Chapel Hill. Applications are available beginning September 1st, 2012, with the deadline for submissions being October 15, 2012 along with your application for admissions. For more information visit <http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarships/tws>

**2013 Wendy's High School Heisman** – All seniors who have at least a "B" average and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport are strongly encouraged to complete the application available at [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com). Completed applications are due by **October 2** and students who apply early receive Wendy's gift certificates. The national winners receive up to a \$500 gift certificate and an award for the school.

**Levine Scholars Program** - A four-year scholarship from UNC Charlotte for current seniors applying to UNCC who demonstrate a commitment to community service, intellectual curiosity, and the capacity of ethical leadership. For more information see Mrs. Sawyer or visit <http://levinescholars.uncc.edu>. If you would like to be recommended as one of South's 12-13 Levine nominees, let Mrs. Sawyer know by **Friday, September 21**.

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship Program** - Essay scholarship through Veterans of Foreign Wars that awards scholarships and prizes at local, district, state and national levels. This year's theme: *Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?* For more information and a entry form, see Mrs. Sawyer. **Deadline Nov 1**.

**2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** - Students with exemplary community service records should consider applying for these awards. Awards vary from certificates to \$5000 grants and trips to Washington DC. Applications are now available online and must be completed, printed out, signed, and submitted to your principal by **Monday, November 5**. For more information visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit)

**2012 Horatio Alger Scholarships** - Program provides scholarships based on financial need, demonstrated integrity, perseverance in overcoming adversity, strength of character, good academic record (minimum GPA of 2.0), commitment to pursue a bachelors degree, and a desire to contribute to society. Applications are now available and should be **submitted online at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships) by Thursday, October 25**.

**Mercer University** - School of Engineering - If you're interested in attending a Scholarship Challenge at Mercer in Macon, GA on **Saturday, October 20** see Mrs. Sawyer for information.

**AES Engineers Scholarship** - \$500 scholarships awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluation of the essays that are submitted. Applications can be found and submitted online at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm> **Deadline Friday, October 5**.

**Centennial Scholarship (NC State)** - aimed at high achieving students interested in NC State and a career in one of the following areas: engineering, business management, forensics, chemistry, medical fields, international studies, design, apparel, sourcing, fashion, merchandising, or retail management. If you are interested in being considered as a nominee for South Stokes see Mrs. Sawyer by **Friday, October 19**.

**Create a Greeting Card Scholarship** - A chance at a \$10,000 award - submit a unique photo, drawing, or computer graphic to be published on the front of a greeting card. For more information visit <http://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

**Wofford Scholars Program** - merit based scholarships from Wofford College in South Carolina. To qualify must be a senior in the top 10% of graduating class, have at least 1250 on SAT, and demonstrate scholarship, leadership, and potential for success. Visit [www.wofford.edu/scholars](http://www.wofford.edu/scholars)

# SEPTEMBER

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## Upcoming Dates & Events

Sept 20 - Progress Reports

Sept 21 - Senior Picture Make-Ups

Sept 25 - Parent/Teacher Conf 5:30-7:30

Sept 25 - Senior Parent Meeting 6:30

Oct 3 - College Fair

Oct 5 - Salem College rep

Oct 5 - Homecoming

Oct 6 - SAT Administration

Oct 11 - End of 1st grading period

Oct 12 - Teacher Workday - Students off!

## MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY DAY

Students interested in applying to one of the military academies must have an endorsement from an elected official.

U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan is hosting a Military Service Academy on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Forsyth Tech Community College. For more information, see Mrs. Sawyer.

## SALEM COLLEGE

A representative from Salem College will be here on Friday, October 5. If you are interested in attending this meeting to learn more about Salem, please see Mrs. Sawyer.

## College Open Houses/Information Sessions

**Bridgewater College (VA):** Saturday, October 20 & Saturday, November 17 - register at [bridgewatercollege.edu/visitcampus](http://bridgewatercollege.edu/visitcampus)

**NC State:** Saturday, October 13 from 9am - 2pm - register at [wolfpaw.ncsu.edu](http://wolfpaw.ncsu.edu)

**Benedict College (SC):** Saturday, October from 9am-12 noon - free lunch and football tickets available after program ends. **See Mrs. Sawyer to register by Friday, September 28.**

**Presbyterian College (SC):** Friday, September 28, Friday, October 19, and Saturday November 10 - register at [presby.edu/openhouse](http://presby.edu/openhouse)

**Washington University (St. Louis):** information session being held in Charlotte, NC at Marriott Executive Park on Sunday, September 23 from 2-3pm. No registration necessary

Be sure to check college websites for other opportunities for fall open houses. If you've not visited your schools of choice yet for campus tours, be making your plans for that as well.

The clock is ticking!!

## South Stokes College Fair

We are excited that once again we will be holding a College Fair here at South Stokes for Juniors and Seniors on Wednesday, October 3 during the school day. More than 70 colleges will have representatives on hand to discuss their schools. Parents are also encouraged to attend. Tentative times for Seniors to attend will be 11:00-11:30.



## **KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!!!!**

Make sure you know when your college applications are due. Most applications for 4 year colleges should be completed by December. Community College applicants should plan to have materials submitted in January. The sooner you apply the sooner you know if you're accepted! Also, often earlier deadlines give students more chances to be considered for institutional scholarships. As you get acceptance letters, be sure to bring them to Mrs. Sawyer so I can make copies and display them proudly!!



Seniors planning to apply for 4-year colleges and universities who are either not happy with previous SAT/ACT scores, or have yet to take either one of these tests should plan to take one or both of these college entrance tests this fall. Test dates and registration deadlines are listed below. Most seniors will have needed to complete college testing by December (or earlier if meeting early application deadlines). For the best results be sure to do practice tests, review test taking skills, and study subjects you would like to improve in.

### **SAT Administration & Registration**

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 6, 2012**	September 7, 2012
November 3, 2012	October 4, 2012
December 1, 2012	November 1, 2012
January 26, 2013	December 28, 2012
March 9, 2013	February 8, 2013
May 4, 2013**	April 5, 2013
June 1, 2013	May 2, 2013

\* Indicates that SAT will be administered at South

Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

### **ACT Administration & Registration Deadlines**

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012
October 27, 2012**	September 21, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013
April 13, 2013**	March 8, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013

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Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

## **WE HAVE A BLOG!**

Visit <http://sshscounselors.weebly.com/sshscounselor-blog.html> for messages from Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Cheek about events, student updates, and useful websites

