

Helpful Tips for Seniors: SRMHS Class of 2017

***Our School Code is 343239 (CEEBSAT/ACT)**

- Attend your senior conference and consult with your counselor as needed.
- Use your **legal** name on all documents. It should be the same name listed on your **birth certificate**. **Do not** use nicknames or abbreviations. **Print and/or save copies** of all documents and correspondence.
- Mark your calendar!!! Attend the WCPSS College Fair on Sunday, September 18th at the NCSU McKimmon Center. Registration NOW at www.gotocollegefairs.com.
- If you plan to apply to 4-year colleges and universities, take one or both **college admissions tests, the SAT and ACT (with Writing)**. Register at www.collegeboard.org (SAT) and www.actstudent.org (ACT)
- Students with financial need may be eligible for a waiver of the test fee for the SAT and/or ACT. See Mrs. Orr, Guidance Technician/Receptionist for eligibility information.
- Use CFNC (www.cfnc.org) to apply to NC colleges/universities, request transcripts, prepare for admissions tests, research financial aid, and explore careers.
- If you will be a first-generation college student, use www.imfirst.org as a resource.
- Check all deadlines carefully; complete and submit college applications early. You **do not** have to wait to receive your test scores to apply. Colleges will ask for additional information if needed.
- If you need a letter of recommendation or a form completed, give your teacher or counselor at least 3 weeks advance notice. Create a resume and give a copy to the person(s) who will provide a recommendation for you.
- Search all resources for scholarships, starting with the school website. **Do not** pay anyone to complete a scholarship search for you; this information is available FREE online!
- You and a parent should register for a FSA ID for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The 2017-18 FAFSA will be released on **October 1st**. Apply for financial aid early!

- Complete the FAFSA regardless of the family's economic status. This information is also used by colleges to determine school based, merit, and federal aid.
- SRMHS has an ACCESS Financial Aid Advisor available one day a week from October to May to assist with financial aid questions. Appointments can be made at 856-2850.
- Some colleges will also require that you complete the *CSS Profile* for merit based and institutional aid. Check with your prospective colleges.
- Complete the NCAA Eligibility form (www.eligibilitycenter.org) if you are intending to play sports at the collegiate level.
- SAT, ACT, and AP exam scores should be requested **directly from these testing agencies**. They are not included on your transcript or sent by the high school to colleges.
- Refer to the Counseling and Student Services page of the school website for important information throughout the school year:
www.wcpss.net/southeastraleighhs.

College Admissions Test Dates:

● SAT

- > October 1, 2016
- > November 5, 2016
- > December 3, 2016
- > January 21, 2017
- > March 11, 2017
- > May 6, 2017
- > June 3, 2017

Register at: www.collegeboard.org

● ACT

- > September 10, 2016
- > October 22, 2016
- > December 10, 2016
- > February 11, 2017
- > April 8, 2017
- > June 10, 2017

Register at: www.actstudent.org