

## Sophomore/Junior Parent Night

Welcome SRMHS Classes of 2016 and 2017 and Parents!

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## Graduation Requirements

The classes of 2016 and 2017 are under the Future-Ready Core Course of Study

English

4 Credits

Math

4 Credits

Science

4 Credits

Social Studies

4 Credits

Healthful Living

1 Credit

Electives

9 Credits\*

Graduation Project - Pass all components

\*For a minimum total of 26 Credits

## Specific Course Requirements in Math

- Algebra I/Math I
- Geometry /Math II
- Algebra II /Math III\*
- An Advanced Math\*
- \* Students and parents may opt out of Algebra II/Math III and/or the advanced math, and substitute other math courses (such as Intro Math, Foundations of Math II, Foundations of Math III) by signing the math course waiver form

### Options for After Graduation

- College
  - UNC system public four-year colleges
  - > Private colleges
  - > Out-of-state four-year colleges
  - > Two-year junior colleges
  - > Two-year community/technical colleges
- Military
- Employment
- Gap year/volunteer service before college

## Going to College?

- Plan college visits to schools you are interested in attending.
- Consider <u>ALL</u> your college options: Public, private, in-state, out-of-state, two-year, four-year, etc.
- Be knowledgeable about admissions criteria and application deadlines!
- Choose a "dream" school and at least one "safe" school that you would not mind attending.

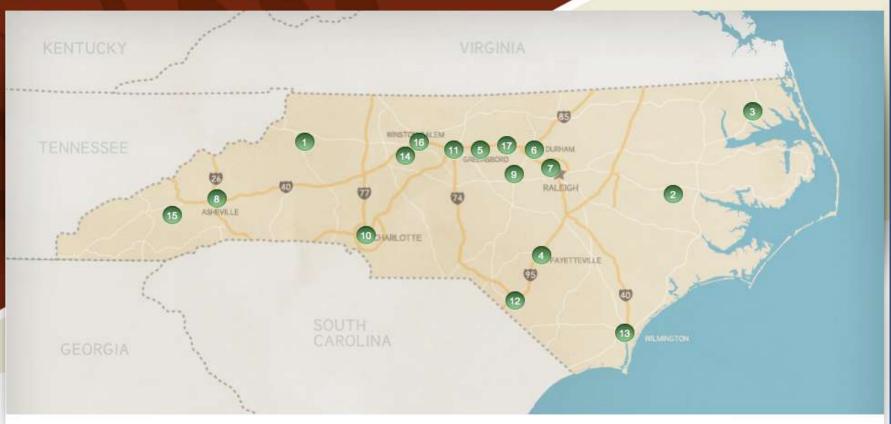
## The UNC System

- Appalachian State
- East Carolina
- Elizabeth City State
- Fayetteville State
- NC A & T State
- NC Central
- NC State
- UNC Asheville
- UNC Chapel Hill
- UNC Charlotte

- UNC Greensboro
- UNC Pembroke
- UNC School of the Arts
- UNC Wilmington
- Western Carolina
- Winston-Salem State

16 Universities

#### **OUR 17 CAMPUSES**



- 1. Appalachian State University
- 2. East Carolina University
- 3. Elizabeth City State University
- 4. Fayetteville State University
- 5. North Carolina A&T State University
- 6. North Carolina Central University
- 7. North Carolina State University
- 8. UNC Asheville
- 9. UNC-Chapel Hill

- 10. UNC Charlotte
- 11. UNC Greensboro
- 12. UNC Pembroke
- 13. UNC Wilmington
- 14. UNC School of the Arts
- 15. Western Carolina University
- 16. Winston-Salem State University
- 17. NC School of Science and Mathematics

## College Admissions

- Minimum Admissions Requirements for the UNC System:
  - > 2.5 GPA
  - > 800 SAT (CR + M)
  - > 17 ACT (Students must take the writing section)
- Students planning on attending a 4-year college or university should register to take the SAT and/or ACT at least once during their junior year.
- **SAT** (\$52.50)
  - > January 24, 2015
  - > March 14, 2015
  - May 2, 2015
  - > June 6,2015

Register at: www.collegeboard.org

- **ACT** (\$54.50 w/Writing)
  - > February 7, 2015
  - > April 18, 2015
  - > June 13, 2015

<u>Register at: www.actstudent.org</u>

#### The ACT

• All juniors will take the ACT here at school on March 4. This is an official test that can be used for college admissions. WCPSS pays the test fee.

#### The ACT PLAN

- Practice test for the ACT given to all sophomores.
- Score reports were distributed in homeroom this week.
- Refer to the orange handout and to the booklet "Using Your ACT PLAN Results" for more information.

#### ACT PLAN Scores

- The PLAN is on a scale of 1 (lowest) to 32 (highest).
- The ACT is on a scale of 1 to 36.
- For more information about the ACT and how to prepare for it, go to http://www.actstudent.org/

#### The PSAT

- Practice test for the SAT given to all sophomores.
- Can also be taken by juniors. (Must register and pay \$14.)
- Junior year scores can be used to qualify students for National Merit Scholarship Programs.
- Score reports were given to students in homeroom this week.
- Refer to the blue handout.

#### **PSAT Scores**

- On a scale of 20 (lowest) to 80 (highest).
- The SAT is on a scale of 200 to 800.
- AP Potential PSAT scores are used as an indicator that the student could be successful in an AP class.
- For more information about the PSAT and SAT, go to the College Board website at <a href="https://www.collegeboard.org/">https://www.collegeboard.org/</a>

#### Average GPAs and SAT scores for Students Accepted to UNC System Colleges

Appalachian	4.05	1140 (CR + Math)
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East Carolina 3.59 1075

Elizabeth City 3.15 870

Fayetteville St. 2.95 840

NC A & T3.4910

NC Central
 3.1
 875

NC State 4.42 1235

UNC-CH 4.56 1305

UNC-Char. 3.57 1085

5.57 1005

UNC-G3.641035

UNC-P3.36925

UNC-W4.061190

WCU3.671030

WSSU 3.15 885

#### Average GPAs and SAT scores for Students Accepted to Some NC Private Colleges

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Davidson

Duke

Elon

• High Point

Meredith

William Peace

Shaw

3.75	1130

4.0 1350

(not reported) 1470

3.93 1215

3.5 1100

3.25 1070

3.3 922

2.5 800

## How Do I Learn About Colleges?

- Research colleges online through their websites, CFNC org, and other websites such as The College Board.
- Attend college fairs and talk to representatives when they visit our campus.
- Plan visits to colleges. Spring Break is the perfect time!

## Greater Raleigh National College Fair

- Raleigh Convention Center
- Tuesday, March 10
- Over 100 colleges represented, both instate and out of state
- Register online at: <a href="https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registratio">https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registratio</a> <a href="https://www.gotomyncf.com/Registratio">n/EventSelectForState?stateName=All</a>

## Earning College Credit in High School

- Wake Tech Career & College Promise
  - Visit <u>www.waketech.edu</u> You must attend an information session the semester BEFORE you intend to take a class.
- AP Courses
  - Take the AP Exam and, with a qualifying score, colleges will award course credit or placement.
- CTE Course Articulation Agreement
  - Certain CTE classes can earn you college credit depending upon your final grade and exam score.

## NCAA Eligibility

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online after your junior year if you plan to play a sport at a Division I or Division II college.
- www.eligibilitycenter.org







# Financial Aid and Scholarships

- Our financial aid advisor, Ms. Norwood, is at SRMHS one day per week, and can help students and their families with the FAFSA and other financial aid documents
- Scholarship information is posted regularly on the Student Services page of the school website

## Military



- Talk to a military recruiter. Military service can provide job training in over 140 occupations and can provide money for college.
- The ASVAB will be given at school on Feb. 13. It is a good career aptitude test for any student to take, whether interested in the military or not. (Prep class on Feb. 2; see Ms. Frazier.)

## Employment/Career Development

- Consider doing an internship your senior year!
- Part-time or summer employment can provide valuable work experience.
- Career and College Promise is a dual enrollment program through the community college system which allows high school students to take community college courses for both high school and college credit.
- For more information, see Ms. Frazier.

### Course Registration

- Will begin on February 2 and end on February 27.
- Counselors will meet with students in classes to help them select courses.
- Juniors already had a group meeting with the counselors, where they received a copy of their transcript, credit checklist, and college planning info.

## Course Registration (cont.)

- Course selection verification forms will be sent home with students on March 24.
   Changes can be made at that time.
- Once course selections are finalized, there will be NO CHANGES, so encourage your student to choose carefully.
- Counselors will not be available for individual conferences about registration.

## Course Registration (cont.)

- A course contract, signed by student and parent, will be required of all students selecting one or more AP courses.
- More information about AP classes will be provided in the spring.

### Questions?



Thank you for coming to our presentation!