As we begin approaching some of the Early Action deadlines for college applications, it's important that you review the following information very carefully:

- The Senior Presentation from Tuesday 9/13/22: If you missed the Senior Parent or Student presentation, it is located <u>HERE</u>.
- **Transcripts:** Read the following to determine which option applies for requesting/sending your transcripts:
 - o "I applied to all my schools using Common App or The Coalition App"
 - Your counselor will upload your transcript and will attach it to the School Report. (add your counselor!) Counselors cannot upload transcripts until after rank is run on September 26.
 - "I applied to at least one *in-state* school using CFNC or the school's website"
 - Log into your <u>CFNC account</u> and request the transcript
 - "I applied to at least one out-of-state school using the school's website"
 - Use <u>WCPSS Scriborder</u> to request the transcript
- Transcripts, Part II: You will receive an unofficial transcript in Homeroom on 9/28 (after senior rank is updated on 9/26). You may use this transcript for any scholarships that accept an unofficial transcript. For all official transcript requests for scholarship applications, use <u>WCPSS Scriborder</u>. For any transcript questions, please contact our Registrar, Jennapher Wall (jjwall@wcpss.net).
- Senior Brag Sheet for Counselors: If you want your counselor to write a
 recommendation, you must complete the <u>Senior Brag Sheet for Counselors</u>.
 Counselor recommendations are not required by many colleges, so complete the
 Brag Sheet only if at least one of your schools requires a counselor
 recommendation.
- Deadlines: To ensure your counselor has enough time to complete your school report, upload your transcript, and write a letter of recommendation (if required), please add your counselor in Common App or The Coalition App <u>AND</u> submit your <u>counselor brag sheet</u> no later than <u>October 4</u>.
 - Double-check that the name and email address of your teachers and counselor are spelled correctly (looking at you, students of Ms.
 Krueger). This will ensure they receive the invitation to submit documents on your behalf.
- Deadlines, Part II: Submit your application by the deadline even if all your teacher/counselor documents are not uploaded. Remember that counselors and teachers have different deadlines, so sending reminders to your counselor is not necessary.

- RDS: Students applying to in-state schools must verify their North Carolina residency. Visit <u>NC Residency</u> to receive your Residency Certification Number (RCN). You'll need the RCN to submit your applications for in-state schools.
- Applying to College: The Breakdown goes through the college application process from start to finish and provides some helpful tips, including how to set up your Common App account.
- Wake Tech: Wake Tech uses a rolling admissions process, but students who are
 accepted earlier may receive priority in selecting classes. If you are interested in
 applying to Wake Tech, please view the <u>Steps for Admission</u>. You will use <u>CFNC</u>
 to submit your transcript to Wake Tech. Additionally, please be sure to complete
 the RDS certification for Wake Tech as well.
 - If you are approved for mid-year graduation and plan to enroll in Wake Tech for the Spring '23 semester, we recommend that you submit your application by at least mid-October.
 - If you are planning to begin Wake Tech in the Fall '23 semester, we recommend that you submit your application by March.
- **Scholarships:** Here the link to the <u>AFHS Scholarship Guide</u>. This guide is a living document and will be updated as we receive new scholarship information. We suggest checking it regularly for updates. The first page contains bookmarks that will help you navigate through the document.
 - Helpful search engines:
 - Fastweb
 - Big Future
 - CFNC Pay for College
 - You can also search each school's website for school-based scholarships
- Financial Aid: The <u>FAFSA application</u> opens on October 1. <u>All</u> students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA - even if you don't anticipate being eligible for federal need-based aid, many schools require a completed FAFSA before considering students for school-based aid.
 - Financial Aid Advisor: Ms. Linda Brannan (<u>lbrannan@wcpss.net</u>)
 - Clicking <u>here</u> to schedule a virtual appointment with Ms. Brannan
 - Ms. Brannan will be doing a Financial Aid Night at AFHS on October 11 at
 5:30 pm. More information to come.
- College To-do List: Click here to review a comprehensive checklist.
- Need more help?
 - Contact your counselor by...
 - Scheduling an <u>appointment</u>
 - Sending an email:
 - Last name A-Co: Ms. Butler: gbutler@wcpss.net
 - Last name Cr-He: Ms. Krueger: <u>gkrueger@wcpss.net</u>

- Last name Hi-Mc: Ms. Davidson: sdavidson2@wcpss.net
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- Last name S-Z: Mr. Lane: blane@wcpss.net