

# Senior Meetings Fall 2019



# Counselors

- ◎ **Mrs. Ciaccio, Dean of Students**  
jciaccio@wcpss.net  
**De-Go**
- ◎ **Mrs. Davidson**  
sdavidson2@wcpss.net  
**A – Da**
- ◎ **Mr. Bondurant**  
bbondurant@wcpss.net  
**Gr – Mb**
- ◎ **Mrs. Nelson**  
snelson3@wcpss.net  
**Mc – Sc**
- ◎ **Mrs. Pettis**  
mpettis@wcpss.net  
**Se – Z**



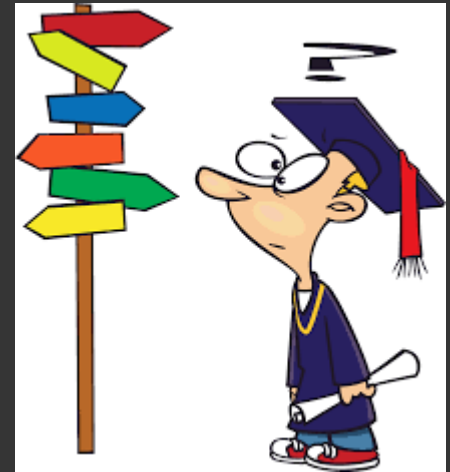


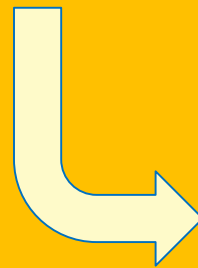
# Your New College Adviser

Riley Hickman

3 Steps to apply to college

Big Question:  
Does the college  
admissions process  
seem overwhelming?





Schedule an appointment today!

Email: [gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com](mailto:gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com)

Text: (919)443-9348

Web: <http://bit.ly/CAC-schedule>

Or find me in student services  
room 1109N



# *Welcome Class of 2020!*

**In this presentation we will review the following:**

- the credits you need to fulfill your graduation requirements
- the process for pursuing your plans after graduation
- the process for requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation.
- and more...



# Graduation Requirements

- You **MUST** have 26 credits to graduate.
- 2 must be any combination of courses in Foreign Language, the Arts, or CTE
- All students must have 4 math credits to graduate.
- 2 foreign language credits are required for students interested in attending one of the 16 public universities in NC.

Curriculum	Units	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Math I, Math II, Math III, and 4th course beyond Math III
Science	3	Earth Science/ AP Environmental Science, Biology, and Physical Science/Chemistry/ Physics
Social Studies	4	World History, Civics and Economics, and American History I <u>and</u> American History II or AP US History and a Social Studies Elective
Health & PE	1	Healthful Living
Required Electives	6	2 electives of any combination from either CTE, Arts Education or Second Language 4 electives <i>strongly recommended</i> to concentrate in one area (CTE, Arts, or any other subject area)
Additional Electives	4	Courses from any area
Total	26	MINIMUM required to graduate



# GPA on Transcript

	Comm1st Aid/Safety/Emergency Response	
HU402X0	Health Science I / Health Science I	P
11492X0	Spanish I Heritage/Immersion / Spanish I for Native Speakers	PU
54175X0A	Visual Arts (Proficient) / Visual Arts III (Honors)	P
<b>UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS</b>		
<b>MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS REMAINING</b>		
English III	English IV	Fourth Math - UNC
Physical Science	US History	
<b>PERFORMANCE INFORMATION</b>		
Cumulative GPA Total Points are Calculated as of the end of 09/24/2014		
Cumulative GPA Weighted:	4.2000	Total Points Weighted: 63.0000
Cumulative GPA Unweighted:	3.7333	Total Points Unweighted: 56.0000
Class Rank as of 07/07/2014:	35 out of 598	Total Credits: Earned: 16.000 Potential: 15.000
		Credits Towards Graduation: 18.000
Note: All courses taken at the middle school for high school requirement(s) will not calculate in the GPA.		
Note: High School Earned Credits only are calculated.		
<b>TESTING INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Test Name / Score Name</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Test Date</b>
<i>3rd Grade Math Pre</i>		08/01/2006
3rd_Grade_MathPRE_Development_Scale	343	
3rd_Grade_MathPRE_Achievement_Level	IV	
<i>3rd Grade Reading Pre</i>		08/01/2006
3rd_Grade_ReadPRE_Achievement_Level	IV	
3rd_Grade_ReadPRE_Development_Scale	246	
<i>3rd Grade Math</i>		06/01/2007

# Seniors, you must have Hands-Only CPR in order to graduate.

TOTAL CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION: 20.000

TESTING INFORMATION	Test Name / Score Name	Score	Test Date
	<b>CPR</b>		<b>06/01/2015</b>
	<b>CPR_Pass_Fail</b>	<b>P</b>	
	<i>Math I End of Course</i>		06/01/2015
	MathI_EOC_Percentile	89	
	MathI_EOC_Scale	262	
	.....	..	

- Most of you have completed CPR in Health & PE. Check your transcript!
- If not, you must meet with a PE teacher and complete this requirement or you **WILL NOT GRADUATE!!!!**



# The Laude Honors System



**1<sup>st</sup> semester grades will be used to project final GPA's to determine Laude Honors.**

- ◎ Summa Cum Laude: weighted GPA 4.25 or higher
- ◎ Magna Cum Laude: weighted GPA 4.0 - 4.249
- ◎ Cum Laude: weighted GPA 3.75 – 3.99

**\*\*\*If you would like to have your GPA recalculated in June after exams, that can be done as well (see your counselor).**

# NC Scholars



- ◎ Students who receive the NC Scholars Honor must have a 3.5 unweighted GPA.
- ◎ In addition, they must fulfill certain course requirements that were listed on your credit review sheet you received during your spring Junior Meeting/Registration last year.
- ◎ Students potentially eligible for NC Scholars should see their counselors if they have questions.

# Plans After Graduation

## College/University

- ⦿ Students planning on attending a 2 or 4-year university should start applying now! Most students apply to anywhere from 3 to 5 schools. One should be a pretty definite and one may be a longer shot dream school. Make sure to check admission requirements and application deadlines for each college BEFORE you apply.
- ⦿ You can also use the college SAT/GPA information on the handout. Always check the college website for admission requirements.
- ⦿ All applications should be completed online through the individual college website, the Common App, or on CFNC.

## Military

- ⦿ Students planning on going into the military should be in contact with a recruiter from their branch of choice and take the ASVAB (offered again in the spring, date is TBD)

## Work Force

- ⦿ Students joining the job force should start their search early, discuss options with Mrs. Daughenbaugh, Career Development Coordinator (Room 1101), and use teachers and faculty for recommendation letters.

Questions about college?  
Reach out to college adviser

**Riley Hickman**  
and



- ★ Create a timeline
- ★ Apply to schools
- ★ Plan college tours
- ★ Research Scholarships
- ★ OR just talk



[gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com](mailto:gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com)

# Applying to 2 and 4-Year Colleges & Universities



# CFNC: The College Foundation of NC

- ⦿ On CFNC ([www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)) you can learn how to Plan, Apply and Pay for college.
- ⦿ Save time and energy using [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) when you use the site for your applications. All common information will be saved and applied to each application.
- ⦿ CFNC hosts College Application Week from October 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> during which time many of the private schools (and a few public schools) waive the application fee. More details on the school website and [cfnc.org](http://cfnc.org).
- ⦿ For students who plan to work and want to explore career options, CFNC has a career tab to help you identify good career choices for your personality.
- ⦿ Complete **RDS** using your CFNC account (see next slide).



# Residency Determination Service (RDS)

- ⦿ Must be completed **BEFORE** doing your college admission applications & requires parent information
- ⦿ Students GO TO: RDS at [www.ncresidency.org](http://www.ncresidency.org)
- ⦿ Login to RDS using your CFNC User Name and Password (*RESET*, if you can't remember)
- ⦿ RDS and applying for admission via CFNC is seamless. You are assigned a number (RCN #) and it will be prefilled on your applications
- ⦿ Students not using CFNC have a simple link to RDS on the college admission application



# Residency Determination Service (RDS)

## ⦿ **What if I DO NOT AGREE with my RDS determination?**

- Log in to RDS to review status, residency classification, and check for required documents
- Correct or enter additional information in a RECONSIDERATION
- Have 10 days to request an APPEAL (provide special information to prove NC residency)
- Call RDS toll-free: 844-319-3640

## ⦿ **What if I am a DACA student, I'm dependent, but my parents are not residents, and/or I'm financially independent or in transition?**

- ⦿ You can answer NO to being a resident, fill out the RDS and still be assigned a RCN #. Or, appeal your decision and a RDS specialist will work one-on-one with students for determination. Also see your counselor for help if needed.

# Colleges & Universities Participate in Free College Application Week October 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>



- Now is the best time to plan which NC college(s) you'd like to apply to so you can become familiar with their deadlines, requirements, and if they waive their applications fees during CFNC week.
- Many NC colleges outright waive their application fee during this week. Check out the [NC College Application Fees for CAM 2019](#) document for application fee policies of NC colleges and universities during the week.
- During this week, all NC colleges and universities accept the College Board or ACT fee waiver in lieu of an application fee, for students who qualify (see your high school counselor for more information).

# Requesting Official Transcripts

- ⦿ Request a **FREE** electronic transcript to be sent to any NC public or private institution through **www.CFNC.org**. You will need a PowerSchool ID and a CFNC account.
  - > Go to **www.cfnc.org – Apply – To College – Application Hub**
- ⦿ Transcripts can also be requested through WCPSS
  - > Go to **www.wcpss.net/transcripts**
  - > The first 3 are free. There is a \$5.00 charge for each additional request.
- ⦿ Please allow for a 48-hour turn around for all requests
- ⦿ Transcripts for scholarships – Please see Mrs. LeRoux
- ⦿ **NOTE:** *Counselors DO NOT send transcripts*

# Financial Aid



- ⦿ Whether attending a 2 or 4 year university, you are likely eligible for financial aid.
- ⦿ In order to be eligible for financial aid you **MUST** complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on line at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). **It is recommended that you fill out the FAFSA along with your RDS as both require similar information.**
- ⦿ You can begin submitting applications on **October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**.
- ⦿ Our financial aid counselor is **Ms. Sandra Winters**. She can answer your questions and walk you through the financial aid process including filling out the FAFSA. Make appointments through the Student Services office. Ms. Winters is here on Tuesdays from 8:00 - 1:00.

# Scholarships

- Scholarships and scholarship search engines are on the school website. [www.wcpss.net/garnerhs](http://www.wcpss.net/garnerhs)  
Click **Students > College Planning > Scholarships**
- CFNC also has scholarship information.
- Individual schools also have Scholarships. You must apply and pay attention to *deadlines!*
- Turn in all copies of scholarship notifications *on official letterhead* to Ms. Davidson as soon as you get them!

# ACT/SAT

- ✓ SAT and/or ACT scores are required for students attending a 4-year university.
- ✓ Check the testing websites for information regarding test dates and deadlines, registration, test practice, and how to request scores be sent to the universities
- ✓ Send test scores to colleges through the websites
  - ✓ SAT – [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
  - ✓ ACT – [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)



# SAT and ACT Test Dates

## Test Dates

SAT/SAT Subject Tests – Register at [www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline**	Subject Tests?
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019	✓
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	✓
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	✓
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	✓
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	✓

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

ACT Exam Date	Registration Deadline**
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020

\*\*Late registration is available (with the addition of a late fee)

\*\*\*Fee waivers are available to those who qualify. See your counselor for details.



# Student Resumes

- ⦿ Students who plan to work after graduation or who plan to request teacher and/or counselor recommendations need to have some sort of resume.
- ⦿ This resume or activities list should be presented to the teacher or counselor with the recommendation request.
- ⦿ 2-3 weeks notice for recommendations is highly recommended to ensure you get the best recommendation possible.
- ⦿ If you are using the Common Application, when you invite your counselor to fill out your school report, immediately fill out the recommendation form (next slide). It's necessary to be able to fill out your ratings.

# Need a counselor letter of recommendation?

Link for Counselor Recommendations:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/36969>

# Sample Resume

**Jane Doe**  
111 Happy Lane  
Garner, NC 27529  
919-555-5555, jdoe@gmail.com

**Objective:** To work as a cashier at Target.

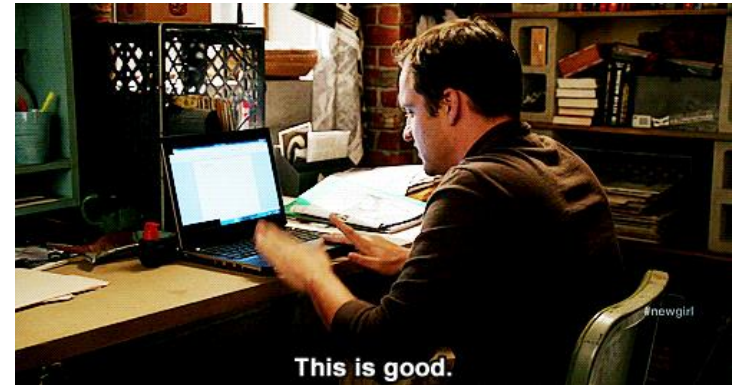
**School:** Garner Magnet High School

**Activities/Awards:**  
Member of Beta Club - grades 10 and 11  
Member of Swim Team - grades 9, 10, 11, 12  
Recipient of NC Scholars

**Community Involvement:**  
Volunteer, St. Mary's Church Soup Kitchen  
Tutor, GMHS Trojan Zone

**Employment:** Cashier, Lowes Foods, Summer 2012

**References:** Available upon request



# Suspensions

- ⦿ Any suspensions should be discussed openly and honestly on your college applications.
- ⦿ Suspensions can affect an admissions decision, and it is often good practice to include a written statement describing what happened and what you learned from the experience.
- ⦿ Obtain an Authorization for Release of Disciplinary Record form on [wcpss.net](http://wcpss.net) under *forms*, and submit it to the Due Process office at Wake County Public Schools.

**PLAN TO PARTICIPATE  
IN DIVISION I OR  
DIVISION II  
ATHLETICS IN  
COLLEGE?**



**YOU MUST REGISTER  
WITH NCAA  
CLEARINGHOUSE ONLINE**  
[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)



**Contact Counselor Ben  
Bondurant for more information**  
[bbondurant@wcpss.net](mailto:bbondurant@wcpss.net)



# Important Dates



- **CFNC Countdown to College** Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- **CFNC College Application Week** October 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- **CFNC FAFSA DAY** Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- **Greater Raleigh National College Fair** Thursday, March 19, 2020
- **Deadline to submit scholarship notifications to Mrs. Davidson** Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **GMHS Graduation Class of 2020** Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 12 PM

# REMIND 101 Is Cancelled! ☹️

- Please keep up with the GMHS Twitter Account  
**@Garner\_hs**

# Senior Meeting Info Sheet

Please complete and sign your Senior Meeting Information Sheet and turn it in up front.

## Demographic Information

- ⦿ It is extremely important that we have updated contact information for *every* senior.

**Please make sure you have completed your Senior Information Sheet.**