



# Senior News

**WAKE FOREST HIGH**

September 2016

*Cougar Pride*

## Graduating Class of 2017

### The Student Services Staff is Here to Help

Dean of Students:	Ms. Alston	jalston2@wcpss.net	919-554-8611 ext. 23693
Construction Academy			
OCS and Repeat 9th Graders			

### Your Guidance Counselors

9th Graders:	Ms. Mukenge	emukenge@wcpss.net	919-554-8611 ext. 23692
10th—12th Graders:	A—G Ms. Pike	luntoria@wcpss.net	ext. 23691
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Psychologist	Ms. Case	jcase@wcpss.net	ext. 23715
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### Requesting Transcripts for

#### College Applications:

All Official Transcripts are to be requested online at [wcpss.net/transcripts](http://wcpss.net/transcripts) or through [CFNC](#).

Only unofficial transcripts can be mailed to your home. Unofficial transcripts used for application information may be picked up in Student Services.

All transcripts for scholarships are available in Students Services.

### CFNC

If you are planning on going to college in North Carolina you may register with CFNC.

You will be able to take virtual tours of over 110 NC colleges, find out about scholarships, loans and financial aide. Important upcoming dates for events are posted.

Transcripts may also be requested through CFNC.

Valuable information you need to know!

### COLLEGE VISITS

Representatives from college campus's will be visiting us throughout the year. We will schedule them during Cougar Time (8:45AM-9:15 AM) Tuesday through Thursday. Unless posted otherwise all visits will be held in the Student Services conference room. Please refer to the calendar of events for dates and times of visits.

## FEE WAIVERS FOR ACT AND SAT TESTING

Fee waivers are available for ACT and SAT college entrance tests. Eligibility includes public assistance recipients, wards of the state, those living in foster homes, free or reduced lunch recipients, or those who have income within the Bureau of Labor Statistics Low Standard Budget. For specifics concerning your eligibility, please see your school counselor. Applications are available in Student Services.



## TEST SCORES

In most cases, universities/colleges require the SAT and ACT scores to be reported directly to them from Education Testing Services (ETS) or ACT. There are two ways to have your scores reported to colleges:

1. When you register to take the test, designate which universities/colleges are to receive your scores. All scores will be reported.
2. If you have already taken the test and now want the scores sent to a university /college you had not previously designated, you can do so by sending ETS an "Additional Report Request Form." This form comes with your SAT scores or online at [sat.collegeboard.org](http://sat.collegeboard.org).

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@ WFHS Counselors

## ACT/SAT INFORMATION AND TEST DATES:

Students may take one or both for college admission entrance. Registration may be completed online at [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) and [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org). SATII Subject Tests (formally Achievement tests): Some colleges require subject tests for placement. Contact the college's Office of Admissions for details. **Keep all registration information in a safe place so you are able to refer back to your scores and send them to colleges of your choice.**

## SAT AND ACT TEST DATES FOR 2016—2017

Date of Test	Test	Register By	Register w/late fee	Get Scores By	
				Web	Mail
9/10	ACT	8/5	8/19	9/26	10/1
10/1	SAT	9/1	9/20	10/27	11/5
10/22	ACT	9/16	9/30	11/7	11/12
11/5	SAT	10/7	10/25	11/29	12/8
12/3	SAT	11/3	11/22	12/23	01/02
12/10	ACT	11/4	11/18	12/26	12/31
1/21/17	SAT	12/21	1/10/17	2/9	2/18
2/11	ACT	1/13	1/20	2/27	03/04
3/11	SAT	2/10	2/28	3/30	4/8
4/8	ACT	3/3	3/17	4/24	4/29
5/6	SAT	4/7	4/25	5/25	6/3
6/3	SAT	5/9	5/24	6/22	7/1
6/10	ACT	5/5	5/19	6/26	7/1

## Pre-College Check list for September

- ⇒ Wake Forest High School will communicate information to Seniors and their parents several ways. Make sure to view our Website. [wcpss.net/wakeforesths](http://wcpss.net/wakeforesths) Also on the website, under Student Services (which is under the Students drop down menu) there are two ways to request to be sent electronic information by email and text. Please register for these two valuable tools. The senior newsletter will be delivered to families by email and updates and reminders will be texted by the Remind app. Please make sure to go there and sign up.
- ⇒ Visit Colleges
- ⇒ Prepare portfolios/auditions for any specialty schools
- ⇒ Make an Activity Sheet/Resume
- ⇒ Keep in touch with college admissions counselors
- ⇒ Parents: Submit FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1st. This must be completed in order for your student to qualify for any financial aid. You will use your 2016 tax information . <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/about/announcements/fafsa-changes>
- ⇒ Find out which college offers which majors
- ⇒ Narrow your college list to 5-8 schools; if you are having difficulty, do a college search with your counselor or on CFNC.org (North Carolina Schools) or [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) (National Schools).
- ⇒ Register with NCAA if you intend to play Division I or Division II sports.
- ⇒ Pay attention to announcements for scholarship opportunities.
- ⇒ Attend Wake Forest High School Senior Information Night September 6th at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Attend Wake Forest High School NCAA Information Night December 8th at 6:30 pm.
- ⇒ Stay aware of college entrance exam dates and deadlines. See previous page. Register on line at:  
ACT—[www.act.org](http://www.act.org);                      SAT—[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ⇒ Start filling out your college applications, especially if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Be sure that your counselor and teachers writing recommendations for you are aware of these deadlines.
- ⇒ Pay attention for contact from your counselor. She/he will be meeting with you for your senior interview. Have your post-high school plans ready to discuss!
- ⇒ Finalize your high school activity sheet. Request letters of recommendation from a least 2 teachers. Follow up those requests with thank you and reminder notes.
- ⇒ Provide your activity sheet/resume to your counselor and/or teachers at least 2 weeks prior to application deadline.
- ⇒ Pick up UNOFFICIAL copy of your transcript from Ms. Johnson or your counselor. You will need information on the transcript for your applications.
- ⇒ Be sure your teachers know the due date for their letters of recommendation. Check on their status.
- ⇒ IF you are applying on line, tell your counselor once your application is submitted.
- ⇒ If colleges request official transcripts be sent order them on [wcpss.net/transcripts](http://wcpss.net/transcripts) or CFNC.
- ⇒ Listen to morning announcements for visits from college representatives. Remind will also notify you.
- ⇒ Get started on your college application essay.
- ⇒ Many scholarship applications will require an essay. Prepare your essays.
- ⇒ Find out which test (ACT or SAT) the colleges you are interested in prefer. Make sure your scores are sent to them.

## Very Important Upcomming Dates:

### **September**

- 9/5 Holiday
- 9/6 Senior Night 6:30 PM
- 9/7 Under classman pictures
- 9/8 Rep. from Lynchburg College available  
in SS from 8:45—9:20a  
6:00 JROTC Orientation Meeting
- 9/9 9:00 AM Make Up Senior Night  
meeting  
11:38 Early Release
- 9/10 ACT Test
- 9/12—30th Counselors will be conducting  
Senior Interviews
- 9/13 Rep from University of Maryland  
available in SS @ 8:45-9:30 AM  
6:30pm— Open House; Meet the  
Teacher
- 9/15 Randolph Macon Univ. 8:45 AM SS
- 9/20 Barton College 8:45 AM in SS  
6:30pm—Freshman parent night
- 9/21 Queens Univ./Charlotte 8:45 am SS
- 9/27 Elon Univ. 8:45am in SS
- 9/28 ECU Honors 8:45am in SS  
JROTC Activation Ceremony  
6:00pm
- 9/29 App State 8:45am in SS  
7:00 pm Fall Variety Show
- 9/30 11:38—Early Release
- 10//7 ASVAB in Media 7:20 AM—11:00 AM

## Student Athletes

**NCAA:** Students who plan to enroll as college freshman next year and participate in sports should complete the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse Form online at:

**[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)**. If you are unsure that you have registered and plan to play a college sport, you should see your counselor as soon as possible.

**<http://www.athleticscholarhsips.net/>**  
for scholarship opportunities

## THE FOLLOWING TWO SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FULL RIDE TO NC STATE:

**PARK SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Park Scholarships application is online and is part of the NC State Undergraduate Admissions application. The Park Scholarship is a four year scholarship valued at \$98,000 for in state students and \$166,000 for out of State. Over 40 scholarships are awarded each year. Wake Forest High School's Scholarship committee will be accepting applications for nominations. They can be found on our website or they are available in Student Services. Deadline is September 21st.

**GOODNIGHT SCHOLARSHIP:** To be eligible you must complete a general NC State application using the **wolfPAW** system. Select a STEM major or STEM Education major. Students who are invited to apply typically rank in the top 2% of their class, Score above 1400 on the SAT and/or scores above a 32 on ACT and have at least a 3.9 (unweighted) GPA and or 4.8 (weighted). If you do not receive an invitation to apply from NC State and want to self nominate submit your nomination form by December 10th. Forms are available at [emas.ncsu.edu/goodnight/how-to-apply/](http://emas.ncsu.edu/goodnight/how-to-apply/).

## FULL RIDE TO UNC CHAPEL HILL:

**MOREHEAD-CAIN SCHOLARSHIP :** Apply to UNC (<http://admissions.unc.edu/apply> by the Early Action Deadline of October 15th to be considered for the Morehead-Cain. Be nominated by the UNC Admissions Office through the Admissions Referral Program. You may also be nominated by your high school or self nominate. Wake Forest High School's Scholarship committee will be accepting applications for nominations. They can be found on our website or they are available in Student Services. Deadline is September 21st.

## FULL RIDE TO UNC CHAPEL HILL AND OR DUKE UNIVERSITY:

**ROBERTSON SCHOLARS:** Students must apply to Duke or Chapel Hill by the respective Early or regular deadlines. Duke's early decision deadline is November 15, 2016 and regular deadline is January 1, 2017. UNC-Chapel Hill's early action deadline is October 15, 2016 and regular decision deadline is January. Students may self nominate by completing the Robertson online application. [robertsonscholars.org/apply/](http://robertsonscholars.org/apply/)

**VFW Voice of Democracy:** A premier scholarship program that is an audio-essay contest for high school students that provides millions in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay. Keep posted for more information.

## **APPLY! APPLY! APPLY!**

**Scholarships for students are abundantly available.** Start with the colleges or universities your applying to. Many of them offer scholarships just for their students. If you google NorthCarolinaScholarships you will be directed to many scholarship sites where information is available. You may specify your search by googling scholarships for minorities, education majors, Hispanics, veterans families, athletes, agriculture, etc. Check it out and apply! I will be providing information on our local scholarships when it becomes available.