

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE FOR SENIORS (8-16-17)

Senior Message: August 16, 2017

Senior Kick-Off Meeting: This year, Student Services is hosting the Senior Kick-off Meeting, formally the Senior Parent Night, on Tuesday, August 22nd from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Auditorium. All senior students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. At this event, we will discuss final high school requirements, post-secondary options, scholarships/financial aid, college/university admissions steps, and hear advice from local college/university admissions representatives - and so much more. Senior Kick-Off will help students and their families prepare for the excitement of the senior year - before the senior year even starts! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Senior Parking and Off Campus Lunch Pass Applications: If you did not get a parking pass or off campus lunch pass on August 7 and 8, you still have two more chances. 1). To receive a parking tag and/or off campus lunch pass on Thursday, August 24th from 9:00am to 11:00 am, seniors will need to turn in application and pay for parking (on-line or in person) on the 24th. On August 24th, seniors will also need to attend a Rules and Safety Presentation at 9:00, 9:30 or 10:00am. 2). To receive a parking tag and/or off campus lunch pass on September 5th, seniors will need to turn in an application and pay for parking (on-line or in person) and attend the Rules and Safety Presentation at 10:30 in the auditorium on September 5th.

Last call for Late Arrival and Early Release Forms: Seniors can request late arrival/early release forms to be processed during this timeline as well. Please complete the "Late Arrival/Early Release Request Form" available on our website or from Student Services. **Forms are due by 3:00pm on August 24th.**

Decorating Senior Parking Spaces: If your senior has a parking space, all parents are highly encouraged to meet at the school parking lot from 5:00pm to 7:00pm to decorate your son or daughter's space. You will bring your own chalk and know your child's parking space number and location.

Senior Car Parade: Class of 2017, kick off your senior year by participating in the car parade on Aug 28th! Line up at the Cary Tennis Park any time after 6am; the parade will begin at 6:45. Cars will be judged in four categories: Most School Spirit, Most Original, Tackiest, and Best Overall. Please note that seniors must remain inside the car from the

time they leave the Tennis Park until they arrive in the Green Hope parking lot! Please take a look at the SignUpGenius to see where you can donate or pitch in as a volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044faeaf2aab9-green1>

Senior Shirt Day (Good V18BES): Mr. O'Brien will communicate dates/times to pick up senior shirts. Remember to wear your senior shirt on the first day of school, Monday, August 28th. If you need to pick up your shirt on the first day of school, Mr. O'Brien will be in his room (3310) at 6:00 am. You can also pick it up from him during the first week of school.

Senior Presentations: Senior Presentations will take place on **Tuesday, August 29th**. Students will be called to the auditorium based on their last name during 1st (7:45 to 8:30 for last names A to K) period and 2nd (9:30 to 10:15 for last names L to Z) period. We will address graduation requirements, standardized tests, and post-secondary options and resources. Students will learn how to access the Senior Packet, which contains information that will assist with the college application process. Senior Presentations are for students only.

Morehead-Cain and Park Scholarships: We will have an interest meeting for the **Morehead-Cain Scholarship** (full scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill) and **Park Scholarship** (full scholarship to NC State) on this **Thursday, August 31st at 2:30pm** in the Media Center. Both scholarships are very competitive, and most students who receive these awards far exceed the rigorous admission requirements for both schools (e.g., high GPA and test scores, very competitive class rank, leadership roles, community service, extra-curricular involvement). School nomination applications for both scholarships will be available after school starts under "Resources" on the Student Services' website (From the GHHS homepage, click the "Students" tab and click "Student Services"). **All students interested in pursuing the school nomination for these scholarships must attend the interest meeting.**

Senior Conferences: Senior Conferences will begin on **Monday, September 5th**. Each senior will have the opportunity to meet with his/her assigned counselor individually. We will review transcripts and discuss progress towards graduation requirements during the individual sessions. Senior Conferences are for students only. Seniors will sign up for appointments online using SignUp Genius and more information will be given at the Senior Presentation.

Senior Portraits: If you were not present for senior portraits in July, Strawbridge Studios will offer some "Studio" hours for students who wish to have portraits made on the various

backgrounds. Customer Service (866) 624-6229 will be handling all of those appointments. Make-ups for basic cap/gown will be at the school, date TBD.

SAC (Senior Advisory Committee) Meeting: All parents are welcome to attend our senior parent meeting on Monday, September 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Media Center. We need your help to make this a special year for your son's and daughter's.