

Pisgah High School Senior Newsletter

September 2009

Welcome Back!

Counseling Center Staff:

- Mrs. Mills, Counselor for students with last names beginning A through G (lmills@haywood.k12.nc.us) 646-3440, ext. 118
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- Mrs. Hardin, Secretary
- Mrs. Ray, Career Development Coordinator
- Mrs. Sorrells, School Social Worker

Please contact us by phone or e-mail OR call for an appointment if you have ANY questions this year. We are excited to help you in this very important year of discovery, growth, and transition!

We hope to have our web page updated VERY SOON with current information concerning testing, college applications, scholarships, opportunities, and deadlines. We'll keep you posted!

The monthly newsletter will be available online and in classrooms. *If you want a paper copy, please call Mrs. Hardin at 646-3440.*

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Career Interest Surveys, Virtual College Tours, and online applications available at www.cfnc.org

SAT practice questions, SAT application online, information about AP exams and more at www.collegeboard.com

ACT practice questions and online application at www. actstudent.org

Students hoping to play college sports should certify academic and athletic credentials with the NCAA at www.ncaa.org

I'm finally a senior!

(Now what do I do?)

First Semester:

- Review your schedule with your counselor to make sure you are meeting graduation requirements.
- Register for SAT or ACT exams (if needed).
- Narrow your choice of colleges (usually 3-5). Attend college fairs, visit campuses, and research online.
- Get those applications done! Type or use black ink IF you choose not to complete online. Proofread carefully, and keep copies of everything!
- Ask teachers/ counselor to complete recommendations (if necessary) at least 2 weeks before deadline.
- Ask Ms. Hardin to send in transcripts.
- Contact financial aid offices (by phone or email) to ask what they require.

Important Dates:

- ACT at Pisgah on Saturday, Oct. 24. Register by Sept. 18! (Late registration with an additional fee Sept. 19-Oct. 2.)
- SAT at Tuscola on Saturday, Oct. 10. Register by Sept. 9! (Late registration with an additional fee Sept. 10-Sept. 23.)
- SAT at Tuscola on Saturday, Nov. 7. Register by Oct. 1.
- Seniors are invited to visit Asheville-Buncombe Community College Friday, Oct. 2. YOU MUST SEE MRS. RAY FOR PERMISSION FORM.
- Seniors are invited to visit Haywood Community College Thursday, Oct. 15. YOU MUST SEE MRS. RAY FOR PERMISSION FORM.
- Monday, Sept. 28 is "College Night" at Haywood Community College 6:00-7:30. This is a great opportunity to meet many college representatives in one location!

Scholarship Information:

- Applications for Morehead-Cain Scholarship (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and Roan Scholarship (East Tennessee State University) are now in the Counseling Center. See your counselor as soon as possible; these have September deadlines!
- Other scholarships now available include the Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Contest, Levine Scholarship (University of North Carolina, Charlotte), and scholarship opportunities for students interested in studying business at Emory University. Please see your counselor as soon as possible if you are interested.
- Continue to listen to announcements: As soon as we have information on the Park Scholarship (North Carolina State University) and the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship, we'll let you know!

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Second Semester:

- If you are planning to apply for financial aid, you must complete the FAFSA between Jan. 1 and March. Completing your family's income tax returns first is helpful!
- Complete applications for scholarships, loans, and grants.
- Start receiving letters of acceptance to colleges. You may have some tough choices to make!
- Continue to work hard in your classes. Colleges DO look at second semester's transcript!



Haywood County Schools Character Trait for September:

RESPONSIBILITY