

WEST ROWAN SENIORS!!!

If you have any questions,
please contact your
Guidance Counselor!

All 9th graders:
Mrs. McGroary

A-G (10-12): Mrs. Shelton

H-N (10-12): Mrs. Alexander

O-Z (10-12): Mrs. Doby

Guidance Secretary:
Mrs. Cleary

Career Development
Coordinator: Mrs. Knox

IMPORTANT:

- Transcripts are **\$5 each** and can be requested through the Guidance Department.
- Please pay close attention to application deadlines!!!

Upcoming SAT/ACT dates and registration deadlines:

SAT (\$45)

Test date: Oct. 9

Deadline: Sept. 10

Test date: Nov. 6

Deadline: Oct. 8

Test date: Dec. 4

Deadline: Nov. 5

ACT (\$47)

Test date: Oct. 23

Deadline: Sept. 17

Test date: Dec. 11

Deadline: Nov. 5

Test date: Feb. 12

Deadline: Jan. 7

Thinking about applying for college can be overwhelming, so we've designed this newsletter to help the prospective college freshman! Included you will find basic information about surrounding colleges and admissions. Please remember that this is only a guide and it is up to you to find additional information needed for admissions. Apply early! Good luck!

Appalachian State University– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5010; the ACT code is 3062), an official high school transcript, recommend applying early. Deadline is December 1, 2010 to be considered for merit scholarships.

Catawba College– Submit online application, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, essay, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5103; the ACT code is 3080), guidance counselor or teacher must complete a recommendation form, and an official high school transcript. *Open House on November 13, 2010 and February 5, 2011.

Davidson College– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5150; the ACT code is 3086), an official high school transcript, essays, secondary school report completed by guidance counselor, 2 teacher recommendation forms, and one peer recommendation form. *Open House on October 2 and October 24. Application deadline is January 2, 2011.

Duke University– Submit online application, \$75 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5156; the ACT code is 3088), an official high school transcript, essay, student report completed by guidance counselor, and 2 teacher recommendation forms. Application deadline is January 2, 2011.

East Carolina University– Submit online application, nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5180; the ACT code is 3094), and an official high school transcript. Open House is November 13, 2010. Application deadline is March 15, 2011.

Elizabeth City State University– Submit online application, \$30 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5629; the ACT code is 3095), and an official high school transcript. No exact deadline, but recommend applying early.

Elon University– Submit application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5183; the ACT code is 3096), an official high school transcript, essay, and Counselor Evaluation Form. Application deadline is November 10, 2010.

Fayetteville State University– Submit online application, \$35 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5212; the ACT code is 3098), and an official high school transcript. Application deadline is June 30, 2011.

Johnson C. Smith University– Submit online application, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5364; the ACT code is 3112), an official high school transcript, and no more than 2 recommendations. Deadline is March 15, 2011.

Kings College– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, and an official high school transcript. No exact deadline, but recommend applying early.

Lenoir-Rhyne University– Submit online application, \$35 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5365; the ACT code is 3118), and an official high school transcript. No exact deadline, but recommend applying early!

Livingston College– Submit online application, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5367; the ACT code is 3120), and an official high school transcript. Deadline is May 1, 2011.

NC A&T– Submit paper or online application, \$45 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5003; ACT code is 3060), and an official high school transcript. Deadline is June 1, 2011 but recommend applying early.

NC Central University– Submit online application, \$40 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5495; the ACT code is 3132), an official high school transcript, and a School Counselor Confidential Form. Deadline to apply is August 1, 2011.

NC School of the Arts– Submit online application, \$60 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5512; the ACT code is 3133), and an official high school transcript. Open House is November 6. Deadlines vary due to program—please see website for more information.

NC State University– Submit online application, \$70 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5496; the ACT code is 3164), personal statement, and an official high school transcript. Open House is October 17. Deadline is October 15, 2010 to be considered for merit-based scholarships.

Pfeiffer University– Submit online application, \$35 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5536; ACT code is 3140), and an official high school transcript. No exact deadline, but recommend applying early.

Rowan Cabarrus Community College– Submit online application, no application fee, schedule and complete placement testing, and an official high school transcript. No exact deadline, but recommend applying early!

Shaw University– Submit online application, \$25 nonrefundable application fee, essay, an official high school transcript, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5612; ACT code is 3158), and 3 recommendations.

UNC Asheville– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5013; ACT code is 3064), an official high school transcript, and teacher reference form completed by high school counselor. Open House is October 2 and November 6. Deadline is November 15, 2010 for scholarship consideration.

UNC Chapel Hill– Submit online application, \$70 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5816; ACT code is 3162), an official high school transcript, 2 essays, counselor statement, and a teacher recommendation. First deadline is November 1, 2010 but recommend applying early!

UNC Charlotte– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5105; ACT code is 3163), and an official high school transcript. Open House is October 30 and November 20. First deadline is October 15, 2010.

UNC Greensboro– Submit online or paper application, \$45 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5913; ACT code is 3166), an official high school transcript and the High School Report Form. Open House is October 23. Deadline is March 1, 2011 but recommend applying early.

UNC Pembroke– Submit online or paper application, \$40 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5534; ACT code is 3138) and an official high school transcript. Deadline is July 30, 2011.

UNC Wilmington– Submit online application, \$60 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5907; ACT code is 3174), essay, an official high school transcript, school report, and a recommendation form. Open House is September 25. Early action deadline is November 1, 2010 but recommend applying early.

Wake Forest University– Submit online or paper application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5885; ACT code is 3168), an official high school transcript, teacher recommendation, and strongly encourage all applicants to schedule an on-campus interview. Deadline is January 1, 2011.

Western Carolina University– Submit online application, \$45 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5897; ACT code is 3172), and an official high school transcript. Open House is October 2 and November 20. Deadline is February 1, 2011.

Wingate University– Submit online application, \$30 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5908; ACT code is 3176), and an official high school transcript.

Winston-Salem State University– Submit online application, \$50 nonrefundable application fee, SAT/ACT scores (SAT code is 5909; ACT code is 3178), and an official high school transcript. Deadline November 15, 2010 to be considered for scholarships.

IMPORTANT!!!

*If you plan on playing a sport at any college or university, please see Mrs. Alexander for information regarding NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility. For more information, visit: <http://eligibilitycenter.org/>.

*Visit the College Foundation of North Carolina website at <http://www.cfnc.org/>. You can apply to NC colleges and universities, submit your high school transcript electronically, and find out information regarding loans, grants, and scholarships.

*Please pay attention to information on the wall in front of Guidance. Open House information for colleges will be posted there throughout the year!

*ACT/SAT information can be found in the Guidance Office. Please visit <http://www.collegeboard.com> for more information regarding the SAT and <http://www.actstudent.org/> for ACT information.

*Our CEEB code is 342810. You will need this for the SAT/ACT.

*Scholarship information can be obtained in Guidance. Please pay attention to the monthly scholarship newsletters (distributed in West Block), announcements, etc. If you receive a scholarship, please tell Mrs. Doby with a copy of your award letter. This will help prepare for the Awards Banquet in May.

*“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.
The important thing is to not stop questioning.”
Albert Einstein*



Information obtained through College Board (2009)

5 Excuses of Why Not To Go College...and why they're lame!

1. I can't afford it.

Most students get financial aid to help pay for college, and most aid is based on need. This means that the less money you have, the more aid you might get!

2. Nobody in my family has ever gone to college.

Being first can be hard. For instance, you may have to explain to the family why college is important to you. On the other hand, being first is likely to be a source of pride, for you and your family.

3. I don't know what I want to do with my life.

Join the crowd. Thousands of college freshmen haven't decided on a major or on a career. College gives you the opportunity to learn more about what's out there. You'll be exposed to a variety of academic subjects, people, and new perspectives.

4. College is too hard for me.

Most students think college will be too hard for them. Keep in mind, all colleges offer tutoring and student support. As confident as some students seem, no one goes to college knowing everything-if they did, why would they go?

5. I just won't fit in.

Most colleges have students from many backgrounds. To get an idea of what to expect explore colleges, or visit in person.

FALL

- ◆ Narrow your [list of colleges](#) to between 5 and 10 and review it with your counselor. Get an application and financial aid info from each. Visit as many as possible.
- ◆ Make a master [calendar](#) and note: Test dates, fees, and deadlines, college application due dates, required [financial aid applications](#) and their deadlines, recommendations, transcripts.
- ◆ Ask for [recommendations](#). Give each person your resume, a stamped, addressed envelope, and any required forms.
- ◆ Write [application essays](#) and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts.
- ◆ November 1: For [early admissions](#), colleges may require test scores and applications in early November.
- ◆ **Get Financial Aid Info** (Attend financial aid info events in your area)
- ◆ Use [Scholarship Search](#) at collegeboard.com, review scholarship books, and ask your counselor about local and state funding sources.

WINTER

- ◆ Most regular applications are due between January 1 and February 15. Keep copies of everything you send to colleges.
- ◆ Have your high school send your transcript to colleges.
- ◆ Contact colleges to make sure they've received all application materials.
- ◆ You and your family should save this year's pay stubs to estimate income on aid forms that you'll file early next year.
- ◆ Submit your [FAFSA](#) as soon after January 1 as possible. Men 18 or older must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid.
- ◆ Many priority financial aid deadlines fall in February. Apply by the priority date. Keep copies of everything you send.

SPRING

- ◆ You should get acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- ◆ Use [Compare Your Aid Awards](#) to compare awards from different colleges. Questions? Talk to financial aid officers. Not enough aid? Ask if other financing plans are available.
- ◆ If you haven't already, visit your final college before accepting.
- ◆ **May 1: Making Your Final Choice** (You must tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid by May 1. Send a deposit to the college you choose.)
- ◆ [Wait-listed?](#) If you will enroll if accepted, tell the admissions director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application.

SUMMER

- ◆ Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college.