

SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter March 2009

TRANSFERS

Applications for transfers for the 2009-2010 school year are available at Salisbury High and all other schools in Rowan-Salisbury Schools beginning March 2. The deadline for submitting transfer requests is April 17. No late transfers will be accepted. One condition of all approved transfers will be an athletic wait-period of 365 days.

SELECTION OF CLASSES

Rising sophomores, juniors and seniors are selecting courses for the 2009-2010 school year during March. Registration information for rising freshmen and their parents will be held in the SHS cafeteria on Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

PTSA SCHOLARS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for PTSA Scholars and for PTSA Scholarships will be distributed at 9:00 on March 6 in the library to seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.5. Applications are due in the Guidance Office by 8:00 on Monday, March 16. Students must be a member or join the PTSA by the application deadline. A committee of PTSA officers from schools in the SHS attendance zone will conduct interviews to select scholarship winners from among the PTSA Scholars. The Apple Fund Scholarship is \$1,000, two other scholarships are \$800 each, and one scholarship is \$500. Interviews for PTSA Scholars for 2009 are scheduled March 31. PTSA Scholars and scholarship winners will be presented at the Honor Awards Assembly.

SGA ELECTIONS

During March, the process of electing officers for the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 2009-2010 school year will begin. Students interested in seeking the office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, or Corresponding Secretary must follow the process outlined on the March and April calendars. Homeroom representatives will be elected later.

GEARED UP 4 SUCCESS

The Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Alliance invites students and parents of Rowan-Salisbury Schools to visit the Geared Up 4 Success website. Parents can go to the Geared Up website to see financial aid information, grants and scholarships link, find out your child's moneymaking potential after graduation and see what the labor market will be for your child. It is time to get involved with your child's career decision making process. Please see the Geared Up 4 Success website for more information at www.gearedup4success.com

PTSA & ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

PTSA and Athletic Boosters are looking for officers for 2009-2010. If you would like to nominate someone for one of these positions, please call Sandy Jordan at (704) 633-5538 for PTSA, or Tom Loeblein at (704) 639-1942, for Booster Club.

Credit Retrieval Program: Allows students who received an "FF" (no credit) in English, math, science, social studies, and/or computer technology due to excessive absences and/or tardies to recover a grade and corresponding credit for the class. The program is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays in three (3) 30-minute sessions from 2:40-4:10. The cost is \$5 per class absence or tardy that needs to be made up. Although a student may need Credit Retrieval in multiple classes, he/she can take only one class at a time and cannot start a second class until the first one is completed. Applications are available in guidance.

GPA-Up: Computerized program that allows students to raise a grade of "D" earned in a core class in math, science, and/or social studies to a grade of "C". GPA-Up program costs \$50 per course and meets from 2:40-3:40 in the Media Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

APEX: Online computer program that can be used to complete required course work for those who have failed a class and want to stay on track for graduation, remediation for students who are not achieving EOC proficiency, intervention to support struggling students, homebound students, students who have been suspended, or students enrolling in SHS from a location outside Rowan County and need one or more classes to meet RSS graduation requirements.

A teacher facilitates each of the above cited computer-based programs. GPA-Up and APEX meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:45. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of opportunities offered in these programs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Thaddeus Williams, voted Winter Homecoming King and court members Brandon Abel, Randy Almeida, Oscar Bonilla, Jay Caldwell, Frankie Cardelle, A.J. Ford, Dario Hamilton, Kendall Hardin, Martin Hosch-Cathcart, Pierre Jiminez, Miles Jordan, Will Mason, and Tory Turner.
- John Thompson, winner of a Presidential Scholarship for academic excellence to Rochester Institute of Technology.
- Sun Dragas, winner of merit-based scholarship to UNC-CH.
- Hayley Mikkelson, winner of the Civitan Mort Lerner Scholarship.
- Future Teachers of America, winner of 1st place Salvation Army Bell Ringer Award for 2008.
- Swim Team members placing in 1A/2A State Meet: Andrew McCollister, Garrison Stevens, Madi Ralston, Shelby Carrion and Carley Drye.
- Boys and girls basketball teams for their success in conference play and in the state playoffs.
- Cadet MacKenzie Overcash, selected from over 100,000 cadets to attend AFJROTC Honors Camp at Oklahoma University this summer.